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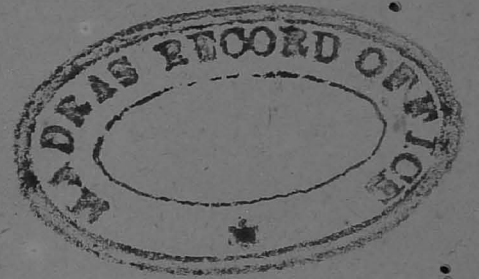
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(VOLUME No. 13.)

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF
ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE,

We take this opportunity by the French ships to advise you that the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke* sail'd from Fort St. David the 9th of February. The several ships arrived here, sail'd from hence, and now bound home, are as follows :—

The <i>Cæsar</i>	...	Capt. Robert Cummings.	7th February	...	Loading for England.
<i>Halifax</i>	...	John Blake	5th June	...	Sail'd for the Bay, 6th July.
<i>Nottingham</i>	...	Thomas Browne	13th June	...	Bound to England.
<i>Prince of Orange</i>	...	Charles Hudson	20th June	...	Sail'd for the Bay, 3rd July.
<i>London</i>	...	Matthew Bootle	1st July	...	Sail'd for the Bay, 14th July.
<i>King William</i>	...	James Sanders	18th July	...	} Sail'd for the Bay, 23d August.
<i>Beaufort</i>	...	Thomas Stevens	3rd August	...	
<i>Prince of Wales</i>	...	John Pelly Junior	19th August	...	Loading for England.
<i>Wager</i>	...	Charles Raymond	16th September.	...	Bound to the Bay.

The *Cæsar*, *Nottingham*, and *Prince of Wales* will sail together the 25th instant. The cargo of the *Cæsar* [consists] of two hundred tons of saltpetre, one hundred tons of pepper, and [. . .] thousand bales of calicoes. The cargo of the *Prince of Wales*, about [130 tons of saltpetre], 280 tons of coyle, and between three and four hundred bales of [calicoes].

The 9th and 10th of January your Honour's ships, the *Princess of Wales* and *Heathcote* sail'd from Ingelee for Great Britain. The *Durrington* followed the 14th of February.

The *Godolphin* arrived at Tellicherry the 28th of March; it being late in the season, she landed her [Europe cargo] there, and proceeded to China the 8th of May.

The *Royal Guardian* and *Montague* sail'd from [. . .] for England the 9th of January and the *Princess [Luisa]* the 26th. We can't say [when] they took their departure from the Malabar [coast].

The *Bedford* arrived in [the Bay the] 9th of May [. . .] *St. George* and *Nassau* arrived at Johanna [the beginning] of June, but [she] sail'd from thence the end of that month.

A Danes' ship that arrived at Tranquebar met the [*Duke*] from the West Coast homeward bound on this side of the Cape. The Captain of the Danes' ship sent his boat on board the *Duke*, and found she had no more than twenty five men on board, the rest having died in the voyage, for which reason she was only under her courses, not having men enough to hand her topsails; but as she was so near the Cape, he hoped she would shortly reach that place or St. Helena, her remaining people being sound and wanting neither water nor provisions.

The *Duke of Dorset*, Captain Gilbert, fell to leeward of the Streights of Sunda and arrived at Bencoolen the 2d September where she continued till the 23d and then proceeded on her voyage towards China. Captain Wells met her in the

Streights of Banca the 25th November, but she afterwards went to Batavia, and did not sail from thence before the 12th May. She left two ships there bound for Manilha and therefore lay under the south watches with intention to take them as they passed by. One of them escaped; but the other valued at about fifteen thousand, (15,000) pounds was taken. The Captain and people were sent ashore at Batavia.

The *Edgebaston* appear'd in sight of Fort Marlborough the 6th February, but was drove off by the badness of the weather and went to Batavia. She did not arrive from thence at Fort Marlborough before the 28th April. The gentlemen there wrote us they were loading her for England, and intended to dispatch her in August.

There have died of your servants upon this Coast as follows:—

Mr. Charles Simpson, Chief of Vizagapatam, 3d April.

Mr. George Torriano, of Council here, 16th May.

Mr. Joseph Goddard, Resident at Maddepollam, 16th May.

Mr. Edward Michell, Junior Merchant here, 6th June.

Mr. Zech [ariah] Foxall at Fort St. David, 16th June.

James Hubba [rd], Deputy Governor of Fort St. David, 10th August.

Borlace Stacey, writer here, 2d September.

Mr. Augustus Burton has been appointed Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, Mr. John Stratton, Chief of Vizagapatam, and Mr. John Hallyburton, Resident at Maddepollam.

If this letter reaches your Honours before those by your own ships, we beleive it will be agreeable to you to know that the Morattas left these southern provinces the end of May without molesting us. About a month before we received very handsome letters from the Generals, assuring us of their friendship, and that they had no design to hurt us.

We are, Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants,

NICOLAS MORSE—RICHARD BENYON—WILLIAM MONSON—RANDALL FOWKE.

Fort St. George,
21st September, 1741.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF
ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE,

1. Our several letters last year were dated and sent as follows:—

5th September 1740, per *Wilmington*, duplicate per *Colchester*, and triplicate per *Prince William*.

11th September 1740, in two copies by the French ships, triplicate per *Colchester*.

12th October 1740, per *Colchester*

6th January 1740/41, via Pondicherry

} Duplicates and triplicates of these went per *Prince William* and *Hardwicke*.

26th January 1740/41 per the *Lancaster* to the Malabar Coast which was put on board the *Princess Louisa*; two copies [more] went per Captain Mylne to Bussora and were forwarded by Mr. Borrill to Aleppo the [3rd & 9th] May; a fourth copy went by the *Prince William*.

31st January, and 4th February 1740/41 per *Prince William* and *Hardwicke*, triplicates of which come by the *Cæsar*.

2. The letters we have received [from] your Honours since, were dated and received as fo[llows]:—

2d April 1740, per *Cæsar*.

3d July 1740, per *King William* and *Beaufort* [being copies . . .] was intended hither by the *Godolphin*, [which did not] come to hand till the 5th August from Anjengo, and

• 6th February 1740, per the *King William* and *Beaufort*.

3. We shall now proceed to give your Honours an account of the several occurrences and our transactions here since the departure of the *Hardwicke* and *Prince William* under the establish'd heads, and as we go along shall also reply to your several favours received this year.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING.

4. The *Prince William* and *Hardwicke* sail'd from Fort St. David the 9th February. The 2d of that month the Deputy Governour and Council inclosed us a protest of Captain Langworth's, dated the 31st January, for detaining his ship in India beyond the time limited by charterparty. The 16th February we took notice to the Deputy Governour and Council, that we did not observe they had taken any obligation from Captain Langworth that the surplus tonnage on the *Prince William* should be at half freight only, to which they replied the 28th that the confusion and hurry they were in upon that ship's dispatch occasion'd them to forget it, for which they were sorry, but hoped your Honours would be no sufferers thereby.

Cons. 1741,
Feb. 8 & 16.
Lrs. recd.,
1741, Nos. 18
19, 21, 25.
Lrs. sent,
1741, No. 21.

5. Your Honour's ships arrived here, sail'd from hence, and now bound home, are as follows:—

The <i>Cæsar</i>	... Captain Robert Cum- mings.	7th February ...	Loading for England.
<i>Halifax</i>	... Captain John Blake ...	5th June ...	Sail'd for ye Bay, 6th July.
<i>Nottingham</i>	... Captain Thomas Browne.	13th Do. ...	Bound to England.
<i>Prince of Orange</i>	... Captain Charles Hudson.	20th Do. ...	Sail'd for ye Bay, 3d July.
<i>London</i>	... Captain Matthew Bootle.	1st July ...	Sail'd for ye Bay, 14th July.
<i>King William</i>	... Captain James Sanders.	18th July ...	} Sail'd for ye Bay, 23d August.
<i>Beaufort</i>	... Captain Thomas Stevens.	3rd August ...	
<i>Prince of Wales</i>	... Captain John Pelly Ju- nior.	19th August ...	Loading for England.

6. It was in the evening of the 7th Febr'y that the *Cæsar* arrived here, and as soon as the President knew what ship it was, he sent immediate advice thereof to Mr. Hubbard, but the *Hardwicke* and *Prince William* were out of sight before it reached him.

7. A French ship having some little time before landed her treasure at Pondicherry, Mr. Dumas intercepted a letter from one of his people advising the Morattas thereof and urging it as an inducement for them to order some of their troops thither. As we were unwilling at that juncture to give any wicked persons an opportunity to write such letters from hence, and beleiving the money very safe on board the *Cæsar* at that season of the year we continued it on board her till the 5th March, when we order'd it on shoar, it being near the approach of the southerly monsoon.

Lrs. from
Eng.

Cons. 1741,
Feb. 8 &
March 5.

8. Your Honours having advised us in your letter by the *Cæsar* that, in case she did not arrive here by the last of August, the Commander was order'd to make the best of his way to Bengall, we demanded his reasons for coming here, which he deliver'd us the 12th March.

[Lrs. from
Eng.] 2d
Apr. 1740,
para. 65.
Cons. 1741,
Feb. 12;
March 9
19.
Para. 67.

9. Agreeable to your orders in the 67th paragraph by that ship the 16th February we had before us the gentlemen who came out passengers on her and made the enquiries you are pleased to direct to which they all replied that they had no particular [. . .] complaint. We did not indeed send for the ladies before us, for [as] we did not hear of any complaints we suppo[sed] they had none. But the 27th February, we had a complaint exhibited before us against the Captain for a rape said to be committed [by] him upon the body of Miss. Elizabeth Man [sell] [. . .] his passengers in the voyage from [. . .] which she had sworn against him [. . .] Information then produced before

Cons. 1741,
Feb. 12 & 16.

Cons. 1741,
Feb. 27 & 28.

us [. . .] beg leave to referr your Honours to our [consultations] of the 27th and 28th February for our proceedings and enquiry into that affair.

Cons. 1741,
March 12 &
13 & June 27.
Lrs. from
England,
Feb. 6, 1740.

10. The 12th March the Officers of the *Cæsar* complain'd to us of being ill-treated by their Captain. The 13th we made some enquiry into the reasons of their complaint, but the Captain and his officers being afterwards come to an agreement, the petitions deliver'd in by the officers were the 27th June withdrawn by the mutual consent of both parties.

Cons. 1741,
March 23,
July 3 &
Sept. 7.

11. We are not particular here in reciting the several orders to the Captains, for loading, cautions against fire, to keep on board as much as possible, for laying sufficient dunidge under the bales and not keeping the boats long astern or alongside their ships with bales in them. They are all Standing rules with us, and shall be complied with when we are loading all other ships, as they have been now.

[Cons.] June
8 & 20.

12. The 8th June we acquainted Captain Cummings with our intentions to dispatch the *Cæsar* to England in company with the *Nottingham*. The 20th he petition'd us for an hundred tons of pepper or more to shoot loose in his hold at half-freight upon which we order'd as much from on board the *Halifax* as Captain Cummings would take in, but reserved to ourselves a liberty of declaring thereafter, whether it should go home at half-freight or reckon'd into his tonnage at [whole] freight. The *Prince of Wales* arriving here from Mocha with no more than two hundred and eighty (280) tons of coffee we are not able to compleat the tonnage of both ships without reckoning great part of the pepper on board the *Cæsar* into hers.

20 Cons.
1741, Aug.
19, 20 & 21.

13. The 3d July we were acquainted with a difference between Captains Cummings and Blake about the weight of the pepper, and we referr to our consultation of that date for the manner in which we settled it between them.

Lrs. from
Eng., April
3d. 1740.
Cons. 1741,
Aug. 21.
Lrs. recd,
1741; No. 84.

14. The 8th June Captain Blake acquainted us in writing that he had received very positive orders from Bombay to touch at Anjengo to land the military, treasure and stores put on board him for that place, adding his reasons why he had not been able to comply with those orders, and desiring our advice upon that occasion. We referr to our consultation of that day why we advised and order'd his landing them here. The gentlemen at Anjengo have since sent a sloop hither upon which we shall send the stores and some of the military, the rest with the treasure on the *Ceres* the end of this month, which is as soon as the season will permit of their getting round Ceyloan.

Lrs. recd.
1741: No. 53.

15. Captain Brown's reasons for coming here are enter'd after consultation the 20th June and our President and Mr. Fowke have given him the directions you have thought proper to send them for the security of your homeward bound shipping.

16. Neither the *Prince of Orange* or *London* having any packet for this place we demanded the Captains reasons for touching here which your Honours will find after our consultations of the 26th June and 8th July. We put on board these two ships as much redwood as they could take in as we did also on board the *Halifax* and *King William*.

Lrs. sent.
1741, No. 56.

17. We detained eighteen of the soldiers designed for Bengall on the *Prince of Orange* for the reasons mention'd [in our consu]ltation the 26th June.

[Lrs. from
Eng. Apr. 2,
1740.]
para. 69.

18. Agreeable to your Honour's directions we sent the gentlemen in the Bay copy of the 69 para. of the *Cæsar's* letter and [we shall] send the same quantity of rice on the ships from hence [whose] Captains will take it in on the terms prescribed by your Honours.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 31.

19. The 9th and 10th January, You[r Honour's] ships the *Princess of Wales* and] *Heathcote* sai[led from] Ingellee for Great Britain, the *Durrington* follo[wed it] the 14th February.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 51.

20. The *Godolphin* arrived at [Tellicherry] the 28th March which being late in the season she landed her Europe cargo there and proceeded to China the 8th May. She put in at the Cape the 5th December where she found the *Hæslingfield*,

Captain Houghton, but there was no news of the *Normanton*. The *Wilmington* was also at the Cape and designed to sail with the Dutch fleet, but the *Hæstingfield* proceeded for St. Helena.

21. The *Royal Guardian* and *Mountague* sail'd from Bombay for England the 9th January and the *Princess Louisa* the 26th. None of our letters mention the day they left the Coast, but we beleive it was in pretty good season.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 53.

22. The 9th May your Honour's ship *Bedford* arrived in the Bay. She was dispatched from the West Coast the 24th October and the Captain designed to make his passage through the Streights of Bryon (very like it was that ship we advised your Honours Captain Mylne heard of in those Streights) but she turned back, and returned through the Streights of Sundy and left Princess Island the 24th February.

Lrs. recd.
1714, Nos. 62 & 63.

23. By the French ships that are arrived at Pondicherry we are advised the *Fort St. George* and *Nassau* arrived at Johanna the beginning of June and were not sail'd from thence the end of that month.

[24.] A Danes ship that arrived at Tranquebar met the *Duke* from the West Coast homeward bound on this side of the Cape. The Captain of the Danes ship said he sent his boat on board the *Duke* and found they had no more than twenty five men on board, the rest having died in the voyage, for which reason she was only under the courses not having men enough to hand her top sails, but as she was near the Cape, he hoped she would shortly reach that place or St. Helena, her remaining people being sound and wanting neither water nor provisions.

25. In our letters received is one from John Beck, Master of the *Calcutta* grab belonging to your Honours bound from Tellicherry to Bengall advising of his being at Colombo in a very leaky condition. The Dutch Governour had promised him his assistance to repair the vessel, and the President agreeable to the Master's request wrote to the Dutch Governour in his behalf, but we hope he may by this time be got safe to the Bay.

Cons. 1741,
July 18.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 50.

Lrs. sent,
1741, No. 81.

26. Your Honour's sloop *Princess Louisa* arrived here from Bengall the 1st April and the *Fort St. George* the 9th with saltpetre, and some ammunition and stores. The *Calcutta* sloop arrived at Fort St. David the 1st April, and having landed the gunpowder and what other stores they wanted there, arrived here the 6th. We returned the *Princess Louisa* to the Bay the 20th April with treasure and redwood, where she is safe arrived, as are also the *Calcutta* and *Fort St. George*. These two sail'd the 29th April and besides the money we put on board them for the Bay, had also some more on board for Vizagapatam. The *Calcutta* sloop called in there and having put on shoar the pagodas and Arcot rupees took in twelve thousand (12,000) Madrass rupees, which would not pass so well as Arcot there, and proceeded the 7th May for the Bay. Twelve thousand (12,000) Madrass rupees more were designed to have been put on board the *Fort St. George* sloop, but she passed by Vizagapatam and proceed[ed to Bengall] where the gentlemen write us [that they shall] dispose of the Madrass pagodas [and would] give us credit for the produce as well as for the [Arcot rupees] and what else we sent for Vizagapatam by her.

Cons. 1741,
Apr. 3. Lrs.
recd. Lrs.
1741, Nos. 31.
32 & 35.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 33,
50 & 62.

Lrs. sent,
1741, Nos. 33,
37, 38 & 64.

27. The gentleman at Fort St. David being very desirous to have a ship in the [. . .] the *George* to them from hence [. . .] with liberty to keep her there so long as [. . .] fit. The 25th April we order'd her up [. . .] arrived here the 10th May with bales. We [. . .] that time some thoughts of sending her to [the West] Coast, but for the reason mention'd in consultation the 18th May we altered our intentions and sent her to Vizagapatam the 3rd July with Mr. Stratton as Chief for that place and a further supply of Madrass Pagodas and Arcot Rupees for the Northern Settlements. She arrived there the 7th July and we beleive we shall advise your Honours before the close of this letter of her arrival here again with bales from that place and Ingeram. Before September is out, we intend to dispatch her for the West Coast.

Cons. 1741
April 24,
May 11, 18.

Lrs. sent,
1741, Nos. 35
& 5, Lrs.
recd. 1741,
Nos. 44 & 89.

Con., 1741,
March 4
Lrs. recd.
1741: No.
25.
Lrs. sent,
1741: No.
26.

Lrs. from
England,
Feb. 6, 1741.

Paras 14 & 15.

28. We advised your Honours by the *Prince William* that there was not depth of water upon Cuddalore barr sufficient to get over the sloop *Carolina*, and we are afraid will not till the next rains, and if those do not set in till late in October which was the case last year, we shall be puzzled where to send her, and yet we must get her over then, for fear if we should wait till the monsoon is over, she should be kept in the river another year. When we order'd this sloop to be built at Pegue we directed she should not exceed forty tons burthen agreeable to the request of the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough and for the use mention'd by them in their letter to us the 7th August 1737, but we have had no reason from thence why she was more, except what the Master that brought her over told us, namely that [it occurred] from the obstinacy and ignorance of the builder. We have in some former letter told your Honours what wretched fellows we are obliged to employ there, for which reason and several others we have resolved for the future when we want any more vessels to desire they may be built at Bombay. The gentlemen at the West Coast will advise your Honours as they have us, that the *Boneta* after having been very serviceable is at last fallen to pieces, but we are very glad to read that the *Hawke* sloop which we sent them from hence is after her being fitted up become also a usefull vessel and that the *Flame* was repairing and they hoped would soon be finished. We beleive we shall be able to procure a small sloop which lies at Fort St. David of about ten or twelve tons burthen to send along with the *George*, and we propose to write to Bombay for a couple of Surat boats to be rigg'd sloop fashion which may come round here in May next.

Lrs. from
Eng. Feb. 6
1740. para.
6.

29. We come now to reply to your commands of the 6th February by the *King William* and *Beaufort* and shall have due regard to the 6th paragraph in dispatching all your ships as soon as possible to save the heavy charge of demorage.

Lrs. from
Eng., Feb.
6, 1740 paras
7 & 8.
Ibid. 12.

30. We shall also strictly comply with your directions in the 7th, and 8th paragraphs as likewise the 9th so far as it may be in our power.

31. Upon considering your 12th paragraph we beleive it is your Honours' intentions, that we should load as many goods on board your homeward bound ships over and above their charterparty tonnage as they can conveniently take in, but comparing this with the 14th paragraph of your letter of the 6th December 1738, we do not apprehend that it is for your interest or that you design we should do so, if by that means any of your ships should remain in India upon demorage. The disappointment of your ships at Benjar induced the gentlemen at the West Coast last year to desire the *Hardwicke* [m]ight be loaded from the Coast and Bay, and [. . .] reason they sent the *Bedford* to [Bengall and] the *Prince William*, a Bombay ship, was also dispatched last season from the Coast and Bay, and as your Honours could not be certain that these three ships would fall upon this side of India, is, as we take it [. . .] why you have ordered so large [a tonnage for the] Coast and Bay this season. Add to which that the troubles in this country have disabled us from giving the gentlemen in the Bay any great assistance this season if [all the] ships [. . .] in the Bay which are designed thither [Were . . .] the gentlemen there will find it difficult to [. . .] all home, and upon the whole beleive we are [. . .] in dispatching the *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales* from hence, though we are able to give them but little more than their tonnage.

Lrs. from
Eng. Feb.
6, 1740.
Para 16.

32. All due care is taken in examining from time to time into the expences of all your vessels under your care and that no delays are made in their several trips when they can be avoided.

Ibid para. 17.

33. We shall by the *Ceres* that will sail by the end of this month for the Gulph of Persia send you the needfull advices to go by the way of Aleppo and Grand Cairo according to the directions you have been pleased to give us.

Ibid para. 18.

34. We shall do all in our power to prevent the masters or officers of our ships bound to the Malabar Coast from carrying any fire or small arms for sale there.

35. The *Duke of Dorset*, Captain Gilbert, fell to leeward of the Streights of Sunda and arrived at Bencoolen the 2nd September where she continued till the 23rd and then proceeded on her voyage towards China; Captain Wells met her in the Streights of Banca the 25th November, but she afterwards went to Batavia and did not sail from thence before the 12th May. She left two ships there bound for Manilha and therefore lay under the south watches with intention to take them as they passed by. One of them escaped, but the other valued at about fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds was taken. The Captain and people were [. . .] at Batavia.

Lrs. recd.
1741, Nos
62, 63, 92.

36. Your Honour's own ship, the *Princess Augusta*, sail'd from hence the 12th October last and arrived at Fort Marlborough the 11th November and we refer to the letter from thence for her employment in the service of that Coast till the 25th July when they dispatched her hither and she arrived here the 31st August. The 2nd May she had the misfortune to lose her main mast by lightning and was otherwise so much hurt by that accident that we are sending her to the Bay to have her repaired.

Lrs. recd.
1741: No. 9.

[Marginal
reference
lost.]

37. The *Edgebaston* appeared in sight of Fort Marlborough the 6th February, but was drove off by the badness of the weather and went to Batavia. She did not arrive from thence at Fort Marlborough before the 28th April. The gentlemen there write us they were loading her for England and intended to dispatch her in August.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 92.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA
TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ANOTHEER.

38. By the payments into our cash by the Import Warehousekeeper your Honours will observe our merchants have at different times taken out several parcels of broad cloth. The 9th March they complain'd to us that they found a difficulty in disposing of the auroras, for want of a proportion of the ordinary red and green, and considering that we had at their request indented for an hundred bales of each of those sorts by the *Hardwicke*, we agreed to deliver them what we received last year of those two sorts upon the usual terms. We advised your Honours two or three years since that the buyers disliked the stop lists, and our merchants found so great a difficulty in getting them off, that the 11th June we thought proper to indulge them in another request which was to deliver them the auroras received last season which were white lists to mix with the others. We beg leave to defer replying to your 31st, 32nd and 33rd paragraphs under this head till the next ship [sail].

Cons. 1741:
March 9.

Cons. June
11.

39. We have made two sales [. . .] at outcry this season. One of three [ships . . .] candy in May at fourteen [pagodas . . .] fanams [. . .] and seventy six [cash . . .] and one of three hundred and fifty (350) [. . .] at twelve pagodas thirty one fanams and [fourteen] cash, (12.31.14) per candy.

Cons. May
11 and 25.

Cons. Aug.
3, 18.

40. The beginning of the season we coined several parcels of silver into fanams, being much wanted both here and at Fort St. David, a want that proceeded from their being hoarded up by the money changers during the bad state of the current pagodas, a caution that we thought proper to give the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David when we sent them some fanams, that they interpreted in a very different sense from what we meant, engaged us in a long and unprofitable debate with them, but as it proceeded from a mistake it is not material to say more about it here and therefore we shall only refer to our sets of Letters Sent and Received. Since we have reformed the state of our current pagodas, fanams are as plenty in town as they were scarce before. They are now at thirty-eight and thirty-eight and a quarter for a pagoda, but we are not yet pester'd with any great quantity of them in our cash here. The Paymaster's disbursements taking off what we receive from some branches of the revenues.

Cons. Jan. 6,
12 Apr. 20.

Lrs. sent 1741
Nos. 35, 43,
48.

Lrs. recd.
1741 Nos. 41,
43, 46.

Cons. 1741,
Apr. 7th & 9.

41. Since we have mention'd the bad state of our current pagodas, we shall take leave to add here what we have further to say upon that subject, though it has been usual, for us heretofore to mention it under other heads chiefly under the [fourth], but that we may not take up too much of your [time] we beg leave to refer to our consultations for a full state of that matter and the regulations we made here. The French at Pondicherry began [re]formation there about a month or six weeks before us, but having made it penal in all persons to bring any of the country money into their bounds it had little other effect than to drain them of the pagodas they coin'd there, which were carried out and recoined in the country mints, and they soon found themselves under great difficulties, and obliged to make their payments in rupees and dollars, and that was attended with many inconveniences. The plan we went upon was very different, but the French judging from the ill-success of their own scheme laughed at ours as an idle project which it was impossible to reduce to practice, but it must be confessed the great commerce we have up country and the assistance of the great shroffs or bankers were advantages which they wanted, and all that was necessary on our part was to take care that our commerce suffer'd as little interruption as possible; and we have the satisfaction to tell your Honours that was much less than we could reasonably hope or expect, neither was it attended with any disputes or law suits among the inhabitants. However the loss to some of them who were possessed of the money sealed by the shroff was very considerable, and as losers will take leave to speak, it occasion'd at first some hard things to be said, but that was soon over, and we believe there is nobody now, who is not well pleased with the means which have been taken for their future security. We think nothing can hurt us now but counterfeiting our coin in the country; it has not been attempted yet, and our mint people assure us if it be they shall soon be able to find it out. The French, when they called in the country money there, did it at their Company's [expence], but we believe the loss was not so consi[derable there] as it would have been here. We thought it sufficient to excuse the merchants the duty of half per cent coinage for six months, a term which we should have shorten'd if we could have hoped that our scheme would so soon have taken effect, and which so [soon as the] French observed Padre Thomas in behalf of [. . .] was very earnest with the President that [. . .] pagodas which are of the same weight [. . .] as ours should pass equally current here [when?] coined in our mint, offering at the same time [. . .] ours should pass current there, it was not difficult to find out a pretence to excuse the compliance [of] the first part, but our true reason was, that we did not care to give their mint a credit in prejudice to our own; and as for making our pagodas current there, that was perhaps rather necessity than choice as they are obliged to send up most of their silver hither to be sold to our shroffs, as they have hardly one of any substance settled with them.

42. What remains is that we should speak of the money which was lying in your cash, when we set about this business. It would have been a great loss to your Honours if we had carried it into our new money and as we could not judge how long it might be before that was current in the country, we should have been under a necessity of buying the country money to have carried on your business there, neither indeed were we solicitous that our new money should be current in the country till such time as our cash was clear of the old money. Our new money does not yet pass a great way off from us and it's not unreasonable to believe the Government will make use of their influence against it as much as possible and they still continue to coin money in their mints, but we know now how to estimate the value of it. Your Honours have our reasons in consultation the 4th [. . .] coining seventeen thousand four hundred (17,400) pagodas of the old money into Madrass pagodas and we have since coined twenty thousand (20,000) of them into Allumparra pagodas to carry on our investment here and at Fort St. David, by which there is an appearance of a small profit but it is not really so, and therefore we call it only a saving. If the iniquity of our shroff had been cognizable by the laws transmitted us by the charter, we should have thought he deserved a more severe punishment than what we have inflicted upon him by our own authority.

Cons. 1741,
Apr. 8 & 17.

[Marginal
reference
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It is by no other that we have confiscated seventy nine ounces of gold belonging to one Rangum a shroff for the reasons mention'd in consultation the 3d July. We hope your Honours will approve of our rewarding those who discover'd the fraud.

Cons. July 3 :
Sept. 7.

43. Speaking of confiscations puts us in mind to acquaint your Honours that there were four bales of broad cloth and eight small pigs of lead landed out of the *Cæsar*, the owner of which not appearing to make good his claim we sold them at outcry and the produce being six hundred eighty three pagodas, twenty one fanams and six cash (683-21-6), was paid into your cash.

Lrs. from
Eng. 1740,
Feb. 6.

Cons. 1741 :
June 15 :
July 8.

44. Wanting Arcot rupees to send to Vizagapatam, we coined five chests of silver the 3d April last at two hundred fifty five and three quarters ($255\frac{3}{4}$) for an hundred (100) ounces of standard silver. We had afterwards two hundred fifty six and a half ($256\frac{1}{2}$) for what we coined for the Bay. We beg leave to refer to our letter of the 22d August to the gentlemen there for more of our thoughts upon this subject, and to defer saying anything further here till we receive their answer.

Cons. 1741.
August 21.

Lrs. from
Eng. para.
34.

Lrs. sent
1741, No. 82.

45. Silver has been very cheap here this year. We were obliged to sell ten (10) chests the 3d August at fifteen (15) dollar weight standard per ten (10) pagodas to supply our cash. The produce of what we have left will be far short of what we shall want to carry on our business without [. . .] more money paid in for bills of exchange than we yet know of and occasion us to be more sensible of the want of the latter ships.

46. The 27th April the Warehousekeeper and Storekeeper deliver'd in lists of the wares and stores damaged or which would be so if [. . .] the 5th May they gave in the account [. . .] would fetch anything at outcry, the rest [. . .] off to profit and loss. The 10th August we ga[ve orders] to do the same at Fort St. David, for what was [worked] out there.

Cons. 1741 :
Apr. 27,
May 5.

Lrs. Recd.
1741: No. 78.
Lrs. sent.
1741: No. 77.

47. The loss by the weight of the cordage here appearing at first view to be considerable, that matter was explain'd to us the 1st June.

Cons. 1741 :
May 5 & 18 &
June 1.

Lrs. from
Eng. 1740:
Feb. 6,
para. 30.

48. We return your Honours thanks for supplying us with one hundred pipes of Madeira wine by the *Beaufort*, you will see our reason upon consultation the 24th August why we sold no more than fifty pipes at outcry, but we beleive the rest will go off at a better price before the next supply arrives. Of the forty-five pipes which remain'd of the *Durrington's* wine, thirty-three have been sold at fifty-five (55) pagodas the pipe, two and a half used in filling up, and the remains of that parcel being nine pipes and a half, shall be sold with the remains of the *Beaufort's*.

49. We did not think it material to write to the Bay to know the price of tutanague; the consumption of that article being almost entirely there and according to the demand there the price rises and falls here. The Macao ships this year sold theirs here for one more than twenty three (23) pagodas a candy. Our latest advices from the Bay tell us it was risen to fifteen (15) rupees a maund there, and we hope your Honours is disposed of.

Ibid, para. 27.

50. By the sloops *Princess Louisa*, *Calcutta* and *Fort St. George* we sent as much silver to the Bay as amounted to forty eight thousand one hundred ninety nine pagodas, twenty eight fanams, and forty cash (48,199-28-40) all which as well as twelve thousand (12,000) Madrass rupees from Vizagapatam is safe arrived, as well as to the amount of fifteen thousand eight hundred ninety eight Pags., four fanams, and fourteen cash (15,898-4-14) which was intended for Vizagapatam by the *Fort St. George* sloop which vessel as we said before passed that place and proceeded to the Bay. We have sent them also two hundred thousand (200,000) rupees by the *King William* and two hundred thousand (200,000) more on the *Beaufort*.

51. Last year we received some stills and worms from the West Coast. Nobody would give the price of the metal for them here, and therefore we sent them on the *King William* to the Bay, beleiving they will produce more there.

Cons. 1741,
Aug. 17.
Lrs. sent.
1741, No. 81.

THIRDLY, OF INVESTMENTS.

52. Whilst the Marattas were in these parts our merchants would not, neither was it safe for them, to trust their money in the country. We called upon them so

Cons. 1741,
July 3.

Lrs. sent.
1741, No. 72.

soon as ever that reason ceased, and we beg leave to refer to our consultation of the 28th May for their answer, and what they alledge there, we have many reasons to be convinced was really the case. It was the 3d July before they took any money from us and then no more than five thousand (5,000) pagodas, but there is another reason for that, namely, that we have prohibited them from sending their gomastahs to provide cloth at Salem, [Chi]manaickpollam and Worriarpollam for the [rea] sons mention'd in our said consultation of the 3d July. We hope the Fort St. David merchants were in earnest in the reasons they gave when they objected to our providing cloth that way and that they will now exert themselves and by the quantity they bring in make up that what we must by this means be deficient [. . .]. We have in many of our former letters informed your Honours that the ordinary sorts of [cloth have] for some years been chiefly made in those [places] and that by reason of our distance what [was] provided there by our merchants came out [dear.] The difference is too considerable not to be taken notice of, and therefore we have long had it in our thoughts to confine our merchants to this part of the country especially since last year. However our merchants are very uneasy at this restraint, alledging, and indeed it is what we wrote your Honours some years ago, that the weavers in these parts have run into a very loose manufacture, besides that there are but few weavers this way and many of those as well as the spinners who fled when the Morattas were in these parts, are not yet returned; nay they go farther and tell us they must be supplied with the cotton and thread from the southward to make the ordinary sorts of cloth, and therefore upon the whole they cannot propose to do much this way. However if the merchants at Fort St. David are able to make up the difference we are sure this restraint will be for your interest. Besides we are not without hopes that in time by forcing our merchants to provide their cloth this way it will bring more weavers into the country and by degrees mend the fabrick.

Lrs. from
Eng. Feb. 6,
1740, para.
38.
Cons. 1741 :
July 3.

53. We have not been unmindfull to press our merchants to provide us some fine long cloth and salampores which are more properly the manufacture of these parts, but partly from the want of the proper thread and partly from the large demands of the French, who pay greatly for musters which are far inferiour to ours, we shall fall very short in these two articles.

54. What Teremungalum Comrapa provides for us is chiefly in a country that lies upon the north-west borders of this, but he as well as our other merchants finds it impossible to keep the weavers up to the muster. We took much in last season to the lower numbers as we should not otherwise have been able to have sent you any of those sorts, but we also turned out a great deal fearing if we took in all, the weavers would soon run into a very different manufacture; the greatest misfortune is, the French have likewise their gomastahs there, who are always ready to take from the weavers what we reject. We beg your Honours to be persuaded that we do our utmost to answer your expectations in this principal branch of your business, but we have been long used to observe some exactness with regard to our musters and though we might increase the quantity by taking a different method we cannot easily bring ourselves to beleive, it will be for your interest to take in every thing and at any price.

Lrs. sent,
1741 : No. 81.

55. What cloth comes by the *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales* is for the most part what we had remaining here and at Fort St. David brown when the last ships sail'd, and all circumstances consider'd we have not ventured to promise the gentlemen at the Bay any greater assistance towards the dispatch of the ships in January than twelve hundred (1,200) bales.

Lrs. recd,
1741 : No. 89.

56. We don't expect fifty bales by the *George* from Vizagapatam, but we hope for a better performance from the present Chief.

Lrs. from
Eng. Feb. 6,
1740, para.
41.
Lrs. recd.
1741 : No. 75.

57. From Ingeram we shall receive about an hundred and fifty (150) bales by the *George*, but we are not yet told how many more we may expect in December.

58. We were sometime in doubt whether we should not withdraw Maddepollam, apprehending the investment there clashed too much with [that] at Ingeram, which was the reason we [. . .] sometime appointing another Resident [. . .] the death of Mr. Goddard but beleiving [he will] not be able to procure much fine long cloth [. . .] and observing that cloth from Maddepollam is harder twisted thread, a better cloth and cheaper than what we had from Vizagapatam and Injeram we have sent Mr. Hallyburton down thither with the sole view of providing that cloth there, but as he is so near Metchlepatam we beleive he may with ease also be able to provide the allejars and the rest of the chay goods. We sent but five thousand (5,000) Madrass pagodas along with him, but have given him a letter of credit upon a well-known house there for ten thousand (10,000) pagodas, if he has occasion to make use of it. We are to pay only one and a half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) per cent for exchange and charge of remittance.

Lrs. from
Eng. Feb. 6,
1740; para.
42.

Cons. 1741 :
July 27.
Lrs. sent,
1741 : No. 79

Lrs. from
Eng. Feb.
6, 1740.
Cons. 1741 :
Augt. 3.

59. We have since the dispatch of the last ships received five hundred and eight (508) bales from Fort St. David, and they give us hopes of seven hundred (700) more for the dispatch of the ships in January, but the experience of several years has induced us to think it necessary to make allowances for some disappointments from all the subordinate settlements.

Lrs. recd.,
1741 : No. 90.

60. The Porto Novo cloth, which your Honours say used to sell well, was no other than Salem, and if Andeapah had continued to provide it for us would have been as bad as what we receive now from that country. It was lucky for your Honours that we had no investment on foot at Porto Novo this [season]. Andeapah made his escape to Cuddalore and we hope may be induced to fix his residence there, as merchants of his credit and influence will be very beneficial in many respects, and if his assistance be necessary we hope may be prevailed upon to engage in your contracts. What Mr. Milner took in at Porto Novo, we are well assured was of so bad a sort that you would not have been pleased to have received it from us. There is so much of it made by the Dutch for the eastward and by the French for Mocha that too much encourages the weavers to make it, and augments our merchants' difficulties in getting them to make that which is good. It is said the French as well as the Dutch met with a great loss when Porto Novo was plundered by the Morattas.

Lrs. from
Eng. Feb. 6,
1740, para. 43

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

61. After what we wrote your Honours by the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke*, we believe we cannot tell you anything more agreeable under this head than that the Morattas having taken Tritchanopoly the middle of March last, returned to their own country in May without coming into this province. We shall trouble you with some account of the siege or rather blockade of Tritchanopoly. We wrote your Honours last year that Subder Ally Cawn and his brother-in-law Chunda Sahib after having spent some days at Pondicherry returned to Arcot and continued together there some time, and to all appearance were very good friends. Meer Assad remain'd with the Morattas, who were upon the western borders of this province, under pretence of being an hostage for the sums the Nabob had agreed to pay them. But some time in November Subder Ally Cawn acquainted Chunda Sahib that Meer Assad had finished a treaty with the Morattas by which it was stipulated that seven lack of rupees, part of thirty two he had agreed to pay, was the composition for Tritchanopoly. Chunda Sahib surprized that such a treaty had been concluded without his participation, told Subder Ally that he knew how to transact his own affairs and would not stand to it ! Very high words passed between the two brothers, and Chunda Sahib left Arcot without taking leave of Subder Ally and [made] haste to Tritchanopoly. His partisans [give out] that he had made it so strong and stored [. . .] ammunition and provisions of all [kinds, that] it would hold out a siege of three years, [and that if] the Morattas should attempt it they would [only] lose their time to no purpose, nor would they have thought of it if Subder Ally had not engaged them in the undertaking

upon promise to pay them a large sum monthly till such time as the place should be taken. Whatever private agreements Subder Ally had made with the Morattas, the known enmity which both he and Meer Assad have long had towards Chunda Sahib, the supplies of provisions they sent to the Moratta camp and other circumstances, make it but too probable the destruction of Chunda Sahib was what they had much at heart. However the Morattas when they came to the borders of Tritchanopoly only demanded seven lack of rupees which being refused by Chunda Sahib, they advanced towards the capital, and there was some skirmish in the Suburbs, after which they made no attack upon the place but contented themselves with guarding all the passes to the town, that no provisions or any other assistance should get in. In this work, though their own army was sufficiently numerous they had the assistance of the King of Tanjore and the tributary princes to Tritchanopoly who articted with the Morattas that they should not leave that place in the possession of the Moors. It was not long before Chunda Sahib found himself greatly distressed for want of provisions, and then offer'd to make up the sum twelve lack. It was once thought the Morattas would have accepted of his offer, the rather because Futta Sing was beleived to favour Chunda [Sahib] and had often sent to Ragojee Bosala either to take the town or the money and threatened to draw off the forces which were more particularly under his command. Chunda Sahib's partisans affirmed for some days that the treaty was absolutely concluded. They went further and reported that the Morattas had engaged to put Cawn Bahawder into the government of this province. Cawn Bahawder was intended by old Saudatulla Cawn for his successor and had procured some grants from Court for that purpose; but being a very weak man, the ministers espoused the interest of Doostally Cawn, father of Subder Ally Cawn, and fixed him in the government. It is not long since that Chunda Sahib, to serve some ambitious purpose, married his daughter to Cawn Bahawder and he was with Chunda Sahib in Tritchanopoly during the siege. Subderally Cawn was so allarm'd about the treaty which was then on foot, that he shut himself up in Chingee, and from thence wrote to the two Generals complaining of their breach of faith; at the same time the King of Tanjore and the tributary princes who had assisted them, took their images out of their pagodas, and adjured them by all their gods not to leave them exposed to the resentment of Chunda Sahib; in fine the treaty was broke off, and Chunda told, that they would agree to no peace that should leave him in the possession of Tritchanopoly. Chunda Sahib's provisions growing more scarce every day and being reduced to very great necessities began to entertain thoughts of delivering up the place. All the hopes he had left was from his brother Budda Sahib, reckon'd a brave man, and who was then at Maddura, Chunda Sahib wrote him in the most pressing terms to come to his releif, and Budda Sahib having got together five thousand horse and seven or eight thousand foot with a great quantity of provisions wrote his brother he was upon his march to assist him, and that [he] hoped to force his way through the camp, but the letter was intercepted by the Morattas, who sent twenty thousand horse to waylay him. A smart engagement ensued in which it is said about two thousand men were killed on each side. This battle was fatal [to Budda] Sahib. He lost his life in it, and the Morattas [having] found his body cover'd it with a rich [. . .] sent it into Tritchanopoly upbraiding [Chunda Sahib], with having by his obstinacy been the occ[asion of] his brother's death. Chunda Sahib being then [in] dispair, the next day being the 13th March, deliver'd the town and himself up to the discretion of the enemy. The many and various reports which were spread about during this siege, kept every body in suspence, and in continual alarms, as doubting what the Morattas would do after they had taken it. For ourselves we knew not how to depend upon what the Nabob had wrote us (copy of which we send your Honours by the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke*), as it was plain he had himself a great distrust of the Morattas. We had some reason to beleive the letters wrote the President from Futta Sing, dated the 11th December, and that from Ragojee Bosala, dated the 16th proceeded from

the politicks at Arcot, but that scheme not taking effect, the Nabob and his ministers affected an extraordinary care and concern for us, and were very officious in advising us of any motion which the enemy made towards these parts, and how to behave ourselves towards them, as your Honours may please to observe by the letters from Meer Assad to the President and Coja Petrus, as to the letter dated the 31st December, from Ragojee Bosala to the President, your Honours will have read in Monsr. Dumas's letter of the 20th January N. S. upon what foundation that was sent. The steps which Monsr. Dumas took made our answer easy, but they were the occasion of several letters passing between him and Ragojee Bosala. The person who brought the letter to the President was also charged with one to Mr. Hubbard, which he deliver'd before he came here, and promised he would call upon him for his answer on his return from hence, but he passed by without calling in there. Mr. Hubbard thought proper some time after to send his answer by a messenger of his own, and at the same time complain'd of the ravages of some of their troops in his bounds, but as he beleived it was against their orders, he hoped they would prevent it in future. The answer Mr. Hubbard received from Ragojee Bosala, he transmitted to us together with what the messenger had told him, and therefore proposed the sending a vakeel to the Moratta camp with a proper present. Your Honours will read in our letters to Fort St. David why we were till this time against sending any vakeel to them, but upon considering this letter from Ragojee Bosala, we thought it a good opening to begin a friendly correspondence with them; at least we hoped we should be able to judge of their disposition towards us by the reception they gave our vakeel. Your Honours will observe that we intended at first to send a vakeel to the camp with only a letter and present to Ragojee Bosala, but soon after we received a letter from Meer Assad wherein he advises us in what manner to behave towards the Morattas. The messenger who brought it being asked what his master meant by saying we must maintain a friendship with them by shewing them civility and respect, answer'd that his master did not care to explain himself further in his letter, but he was instructed to tell us he only meant writing them friendly letters, and to send them some curiosities as presents, the value of which need not be very considerable. The gentlemen at Fort St. David having in their letter of the 11th March given us their reasons why a present should also be sent to Futta Sing [. . .] being taken into consideration together [with what] Meer Assad wrote the President, we consented [. . .] The gentlemen at Fort St. David transmitted [us] an account of the presents sent to the Moratta camp, and the [account] of that to Futta Sing amounted to pagodas [. . .], that to Ragoji Bosala to [. . .] there was put up besides to sprinkle among [. . .] some of the officers to the amount of [. . .] which with the vakeel's expences in travelling and other incident chargès, will amount in the whole to about three thousand pagodas, but we beg leave to defer sending the account particulars till January, not having yet received it from Fort St. David. We beg leave also to referr you to our books of letters sent and received, for the instructions given the vakeel, and to our consultations for the letters wrote the Moratta Generals, and the vakeels' reception there. The answers we received from them are inclosed in the packet. It was the 8th May before the vakeel arrived here, and as the Morattas were not then passed the Kistna, and there were some reports that they would return again to Arcot, the letters and seerpaws we received from the two Generals gave great content to our inhabitants, seerpaws being looked upon by these country people as sure tokens of friendship.

62. Chunda Sahib having as we said deliver'd himself up to the discretion of the Morattas, agreed afterwards as it was said to pay them eight lack of rupees for his ransom, and Cawn Bahawder with Francis Pereira, were sent to Chunda Sahib's wife who was in Pondicherry to receive the money. But the good lady pretending a distrust answer'd that she had not so much money by her, or if she had would she part with it till she should see her husband? If he was sent to her, she would sell her jewels and borrow what was wanting among her friends. The Morattas, having received that answer, carried Chunda [Sahib and] his son along with them to Sittarra the [Moratta] capital. His partisans now give out that

Lrs.
[Reed. No.]
Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 8.

Lrs. sent,
1741, No. 5.
Cons. 1741,
March 4, 5.
Lrs. sent
1741, No. 26,
28.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 26.
Cons. 1741,
March 13.

Lrs. sent,
1741, No. 28.
Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 29.

Lrs. sent,
1741, No. 26.
Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 29.
Cons. 1741 :
March 5, 10
April 16.

[. . .] favour at Sittarra, and that by the [intervention] of that court with Chicklas Cawn, he will obtain a grant of the government of this province and will be assisted with a large body of Moratta horse to drive Subder Ally Cawn out of it.

63. It was for some time uncertain what the Morattas would do with Tritchanopoly. There were several bidders for it, but it was thought they were most inclined to put in the next heir of the late Queen, but as he could not give them security for the money he offer'd, they left Moraree Gorbada, Viceroy there, with four thousand horse till the Sou Rajah should give further orders. When they took possession of it, they would not suffer it to be plunder'd. It is imagined their reason for that was that they knew most of the riches had been conveyed out before they laid siege to it, and if they had acted otherwise the Sou Rajah would have expected them to have accounted for a larger sum than they found. One thing is remarkable, and yet is affirmed for truth that they left orders with the Viceroy, to pay the same tribute to Arcot which had been actually paid by the Kings and Queens of Tritchanopoly.

64. The Morattas having thus settled the Government of Tritchanopoly, forty thousand horse took the western road through Misore. The two Generals with the rest of the army took another road which borders upon this province. Nabob Subder Ally kept himself close in Chingee. We know not what particular affairs remained to be adjusted between them; but after some stay within a day's journey of Chinjee they marched on to the northward, and passed the Kistna about the end of May.

Cons. 1741,
May 5.

65. The beginning of that month the President received a letter from Nabob Subder Ally advising that the Morattas had passed the mountains of Balligot, and at the same time Budda Sahib wrote another letter advising the Nabob with his family intended to go to Mecca, and therefore desired some houses might be take[n for] them in town, as they designed to be down [. . .] to stay here till the season for proceeding [. . .]. Budda Sahib however intimated that [. . .] the Nabob had no real design of going [. . .] and indeed our other advices from the country [. . .] us, there was nothing more in it than a family quarrel. However we thought we could not avoid preparing for their reception here and then advised Budda Sahib that the houses were ready whenever they pleased to come. Some months have since passed, but though the Nabob still talks of coming down, most people doubt it. We hope we shall soon be at some certainty, because all this while we are paying sixty (60) pagodas per month rent for the houses. From Chingee the Nabob removed to Vellore and from thence to Arcot where he now is, and Meer Assad, the sole minister about him, a man of strong parts, bold and resolute. The Nabob follows his advice implicitly and perhaps thinks him the more necessary in the present juncture, as most likely to extricate him from the difficulties he is under. Money is the great thing wanted to pay the arrears due to his father's and his own troops, which amount to four hundred thousand pagodas and also to make up such a sum as may be sufficient to get himself confirmed in the Government of the province. But the means made use of to raise it, have given great disgust all over the country, as the minister is not in the least scrupulous in raising contributions from every body that is in his power.

66. The beginning of July the Nabob wrote a letter to the President which was backed by another from Meer Assad to Coja Petrus demanding three very considerable men now in the place, namely Kisnaje Puntaloo, Shaumbadoss son of Shankarapareck, and Trivitee Sashachilum, son of Trivitee Ball Chitty, to be sent up to Arcot, pretending there were accounts to be settled with the Surcar, to which they were severally indebted large sums of money. These men came in here about the time of the Morattas first entering this country in May last year, but the two first went afterwards up to Arcot and continued with the Nabob till some time the beginning of this year. 'Tis well known that the Nabob is indebted considerable sums of money to them, and therefore it is most likely that the true reason of his demanding that they should be sent to Arcot is, that by having

them in his power he may oblige them to lend him more. The President got Hodjee Addee (who is reckoned to have an exceeding good pen among the Moors and to be perfectly well acquainted with their laws and customs) to draw up an expostulatory letter to the Nabob upon this occasion with which we suppose he was satisfied as we have not since heard any more from him about it.

67. We advised your Honours by the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke* of a revolution in Pegue. We put you to a small expence for stores sent thither and for a further account of affairs there we refer to the President's letter received since but how sanguine soever he is in his hopes that the Peguers will keep their ground, others tell us they are a parcel of meer rabble that are under no discipline [of] government, and that a large army of the Burman was coming down against them who would certainly punish them for their revolt. We can have no further news from thence till December or January.

Cons. 1741,
Feb. 12, Apr.
20.
Lrs. sent,
1741, No. 14.
Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 37.

68. In May last the Presi[dent received] a letter from Moraree Gorbada the Mo[ratta Vice]roy of Tritchanopoly, desiring to be supp[lied with] ammunition and warlike stores. We un[derstand] so little of the languages of this country and have such bad interpreters about us, that we are very little capable of forming any judgement of the politicks and interests of the several princes, for which reason it is a maxim with us to have as little to do with any of them as possible. We know not who the enemy was, the Viceroy was apprehensive of, but it has very lately been hinted to us, that our Nabob is engaged in some treaty with the King of Misore to dispossess the Morattas of Tritchanopoly. However that be, we found a pretext to excuse our compliance with the Viceroy's request at that time, and we have not heard from him since.

Cons. 1741,
May 21.

69. In consultation the 30th June you will find our reasons for prohibiting the buying or selling of any Moors or other Mahometans as slaves in this town. We have flatter'd the Moors by it, who take it extreamly kind of us that in their present low state we have shown them this mark of our difference [sic] and regard.

70. We beleive it is since the dispatch of the *Durrington* that the Nabob of Muxadavad marched his army against, and defeated the Subah of Cuttack and has since given the government of that province to his nephew. By our last advices from Bengall the Government was settled and every thing quiet there. The Subah of Cuttack got into a sloop in Balasore river and embarked on board a ship in the road and came to Metchlepatam. We think it was some time in March that he arrived there, since which we have not heard what became of him. His family made their escape into the next province and took sanctuary under old Annawerdee Cawn, the Subah of the country that reaches from Ganjam northward as far as near Metchlepatam to the southward.

Lrs. recd.,
1741, Nos. 31,
32 & 62.

71. The gentlemen at Anjengo in their letter of the 8th August advise us that the 31st July the Dutch as they beleived for want of provisions were obliged to surrender their fortifications at Coletchy to the King of Travencore. We can't learn the French intend to renew their pretensions to that place though they are sending a large force to the Malabar Coast, but they give out it is design'd only for Myhie, where the natives are still very troublesome to them.

Lrs. recd.,
1741, No. 84.

72. Some time in this year a gomastah belonging to one of our merchants came hither from the Court of the King of Candia on the Island Ceyloan and put a cadjan into the hands of the Captain of the Guard on which was wrote in very legible characters. 'The ship *Josias* from Bengall, Charles Williams, Master, cast on shore on the Island Ceyloan now remaining, Robert Pearson, Second mate, Ellis Chamberlain, gunner, with four seamen.' There is also in town a native of Candia who with our merchants' gomastah is going back thither and we are trying by the assistance of these two men if we can procure the liberty of those unfortunate men who were cast away in the said ship *Josias*, in the year [. . .].

73. Captain Mylne who arrived here the 14th August from Bouchier acquaints us that the Phula Arabs were still in possession of the Persian fleet and threaten to resent any assistance which the English may give the Persians, that the Persians

offered him a considerable price [. . .] but he was given to understand that if the Arabs would attack the Bussorah [. . .] other English ships they met with and then [. . .] kept on board his ship and refused to land any goods at Bouchier till the government there had given him security he should not be obliged to sell her against his consent. We are told the gentlemen at Bombay had it under consideration whether they should not be obliged to assist the Persians with two ships next season, but Captain Mylne beleives the gentlemen at Gombroon will now advise them against it, except they can spare such a force as may on all probability be able to retake the whole fleet from the Arabs.

FIFTHLY, TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

74. We wrote your Honours by the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke*, that the situation of affairs in the country and particularly the large demands made upon us by the Morattas, had induced us to set about some new buildings and to make some other preparations which we then thought necessary for the defence of the place and it is a great satisfaction to us that you are pleased to tell us in the 46 paragraph of your letter received this year, that you grudge no [force] necessary for the just defence of your settlements. [. . .] north-west to the [. . .] to the north-east point of the Black Town [. . .] thousand and eighty feet long, forty broad and from [. . .] twenty feet deep as the ground would permit. It is all faced with brick, but as we could not in this short space procure such a quantity of chinam as is required, we could only lay great part of the bricks in clay to preserve the sides from falling in, the ground being chiefly sandy, which must be done with chinam hereafter to make it more durable, though it will answer the purpose for the present, and it has now water in it several feet deep. On the east side of the Black Town which was wholly exposed, we have laid the foundation of a wall designed to be ten feet thick from the north-east point to Fishing Point, being two thousand four hundred and fifty seven feet. The wall is carried up twelve feet high and six feet thick, two thirds of the way, on which there is a parapet to be raised and one of the two bastions in it is compleated, and sixteen guns mounted which will secure that side. On the alarm of the Morattas we erected a battery with coconut trees close by the sea in a line with new point to prevent any number of horse entering that way into the Black Town, which as we said before lay entirely open on that side. We have also began to rebuild Queen's Point, which was so far decayed that it became useless. It was the end of January before we entered on these works and we hope it will give your Honours some satisfaction that we have been able in this space to do so much and that the town is now so much more capable of defence, the thoughts of which have afforded matter of great joy to our inhabitants whose possessions were lodged therein. These have been the works of the most consequence that we have set about, but there have been some others also necessary concerning which and what is still proper to be done, we beg leave to deferr being more particular till the dispatch of the January ships, when we shall be able to make some computation of the expence. We shall then also be more particular with regard to what has been done at Fort St. David, and what is wanting to be done at Vizagapatam and all possible care shall be taken here and recommended in the strongest manner to the subordinate settlements, that upon all such occasions your money be laid out in the most frugal manner consistent with your other direction, that the [works may be] substantial and durable.

[Cons. 1741:
July, 23.]

Cons. 1741,
Apr. 20 and
May 28.

Lrs. Recd.
1741, No. 89.
Lrs. from
Eng. Feb. 6
1740 para. 50.
Cons. 1741,
May, 25,
Augt. 31.

75. Having no salt provisions [in stock] for our garrison we were obliged to send [men to the] country to buy up what cattle were procura[ble with a] design to salt up and be ready in case of an [attack], but considering afterwards that, if we kept them alive and should have no occasion to make use of them, whatever they sold for would be so much saved. We put them on the Island; and on the Morattas leaving the province they were sold and their produce paid into cash. What arrack remain'd which has been bought for the garrison and not expended we shall send to St. Helena by the *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales* and will probably

be the last we shall be able to send them for some years, the works at Batavia being as we are informed all destroyed.

76. We shall send copy of your 49th paragraph to Vizagapatam, but we believe we may venture to tell your Honours that if any profit had arisen from the garden house there, the late Chief would not have refused to have bought it of his predecessor.

Lrs. from
Eng., Feb. 6,
1740, para. 49

77. The Morattas being in these southern provinces when the Moors' ships from Bengall arrived at St. Thomé and the owners being afraid to land their goods there brought them here, which has been a considerable help to our customs, the amount of which would otherwise have shrunk considerably this year.

SIXTHLY, TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

78. The 3rd April Mr. Simpson your Chief at Vizagapatam died there, Mr. Torriano offering his service to take charge of your affairs there, we appointed him Chief, Mr. Stratton provisional Storekeeper, and Rental-General and Scavenger, but Mr. Torriano dying here the 16th May we appointed Mr. John Stratton, Chief of Vizagapatam, who as we said before sail'd from hence the 3d and arrived there the 7th July. Upon his being to leave us Mr. Monson took the care of the stores, and we appointed Mr. Savage, Rental-General and Scavenger.

Lrs. recd.,
1741, No. 40.
Cons. 1741;
Apr. 20 and
24.
[. . .]

79. The 16th May died also Mr. Joseph Goddard, Resident at Maddepollam. We had some time before order'd Mr. Goodere from thence to Vizagapatam and in his room sent Mr. Churchey from hence, but this gentleman being a stranger at Maddepollam very prudently advised Mr. Prince of Mr. Goddard's illness, who immediately dispatched Mr. Andrews thither who has been so diligent and carefull there, that we cannot avoid recommending him to your Honours' notice. We have before advised you of our having since appointed Mr. John Hallyburton your Resident there.

Lrs. recd.,
1741; Nos. 48
and 56.
Lrs. sent.
1741; No. 30
and 32.

80. The 10th August died James Hubbard Esqr., Deputy Governour of Fort St. David. Mr. Fowke desiring to be excused from going down thither, we signed a commission appointing Augustus Burton Esqr. Deputy Governour there who was the next in standing and who went from hence the 19th August.

Lrs. recd.,
1741; Nos. 79
and 85.
Cons. 1741,
Aug. 13 and
17.

81. There have also died of your covenanted servants Mr. Zechariah Foxall the 16th June at Fort St. David and Mr. Edward Michell the 6th June here, Mr. Borlace Stacey came up very ill from Fort St. David the 5th of August and died here the 2d instant.

Lrs. recd.,
No. 78.
Cons. 1741,
Aug. 10, and
Sept. 3.

82. Mr. Holland Goddard had leave from us in September last year to go to Bengall to look after a large sum of money due to him from Mr. Weston promising he would be here again by the first ship in December, but the 19th March we received a letter from him advising us he was upon another scheme, and therefore we order'd him to be struck out of the list of your servants here.

Cons., 1741,
March 19.

83. The 16th February we gave [Mr. Greenhaugh] leave to go to China on the *Augusta* a voyage [which he] had engaged in before he knew he was adm[itted to our] service.

ibid, Feb. 16.

84. Mr. Hammond having [. . .] office of Register of the Mayor's Court, we appoint[ed Mr.] Harrison upper searcher, Mr. Cornelius Goodwin under the Paymaster and Mr. Richard Starke Under searcher. However we have been obliged to keep Messrs. Goodwin and Starke in the Accountant's Office, and are obliged to them for their readiness to continue there in the present want of servants, as we are also to Mr. Affleck who offer'd his service to act under the Import Warehousekeeper as well as the Storekeeper.

ibid, July 27.
Lrs. from
Eng. Apr. 2,
1740.

85. The several orders we have received from your Honours within these few years have much encreased our writing work, and where one assistant would do before, two are barely sufficient now, and therefore we have been obliged to entertain several monthly writers, particularly Mr. George Jones under the Export Warehousekeeper, Mr. Fenwicke Golightly under the Accountant and Mr. William Burton under the Secretary, besides whom entertain'd Mr. Robert Sloper for Fort St. David.

Cons, 1741.
August 13
and 31; and
July 27.

Cons. 1741,
Aug. 31.

86. Mr. Grantham Mead who came out on the *Cæsar* returns to England on the same ship, the country as he says not agreeing with his constitution.

[...] Aug.

87. Upon Mr. Burton's going to Fort St. David Mr. Morse was appointed to take charge of the Export warehouse here.

88. We have now four vacancies in Council here and not knowing but your Honour might have appointed somebody in the room of Mr. Sanderson and perhaps named two or three more for the next vacancies that might happen, we waited for the arrival of the latter [*sic*] ships; but if we see none of them before these ships sail, we shall soon after take upon us to fill up those vacancies ourselves.

[Cons. 1741,
Feb. 12 and
June 1].

89. Your Honours will see in consultation the 12th February, why we suspended the consideration of the Regulations sent us relating to the military till the 1st June and upon our consultation that day our proceedings then. We believe we may venture to assure your Honours the military are under as good order and discipline here as in any of your settlements, but we must take leave to recommend to your consideration the case of the officers whose pay is no more now than it was many years ago when provisions were not half the price they are at now, and our country trade is at so low an ebb that any credit they may have with the merchants can be of no service to them in these days. It is necessary we should have good men here who may be depended upon in case of action, but it may sometimes be difficult to find such without your Honours shall please to allow of some further encouragement.

Cons. 1741,
June 26 and
30, Aug. 17,
July 30 and
Aug. 31.

90. We took 18 soldiers out of the *Prince of Orange*, 34 we received by the *King William* and 32 by the *Beaufort*. We sent 30 to Fort St. David, 12 we put in the gunroom where they were much wanted; and 19 have petition'd for their discharges to go home and we expect more will do the same. These ships being in want of men, and forty shillings a month wages is a stronger inducement with them to leave us, than our gratuity of five pagodas is to take on with us for five years more, so that we are still [very] bare of Europeans both here and at Fort St. David, but we shall be more particular upon this head in January, when we shall send you the accounts of the military drawn up in the manner you have been pleased to direct in the Regulations sent us by the *Cæsar*.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING [ACCOUNTS].

Cons. 1741,
Aug. 31st.

91. The bills of exchange [. . .] draw on your Honours, and on what accounts are agreeable to our late practice particularized in a postscript to this letter as also the certificates we have granted the Captains of these ships. Among the former your Honours will observe two sets of four bills each and the same date in favour of Monsr. Dumas, Governour of Pondicherry, granted him on his request to the President.

Lrs. recd.
1741, No. 92.

92. The gentlemen on the West Coast for reasons mentioned in the last paragraph of their letter to us by the *Princess Augusta* have granted certificates on us to the amount of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars which we have discharged at the accustomed exchange.

93. In the 69th, 70th and 71st paragraphs of the same letter they advise us they have received into your Honour's cash there the following sums on account the estates of several persons deceased vizt.—

[Alexander Edgar, Second Surgeon, two hundred and fifty dollars three sucaes, and thirty cash]	...	...	...	250	3	30.
[John Innes, three hundred and eight dollars, two sucaes, and two cash]	...	...	...	308	2	2.
[Francis Everest Esqr., two hundred dollars]	...	...	...	200	0	0.

all which sums, there being no demands on them here, we shall pass to account current, London, and your Honours may please to pay them to the legal claimants in England.

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

[Marginal
references
lost.]

94. We cannot give your Honours a fuller account of your affairs there than what you will find in the letter to us from thence, dated the 25th July. We had

before we received it wrote to the gentlemen in the Bay to send such things by the *London* as we thought they might stand most in need of at the West Coast, and we have since indented for several other things. We have sent ten garce of salt on the *Princess Augusta* which with five hundred bags of rice, we have desired may be sent on the *London* from Bengall.

95. The *George* will carry as much rice and salt as she can take in together with the other stores; and as we beleive they will stand in need of some European soldiers and that most of those your Honours designed for us will be carried to the Bay, we have desired the gentlemen there will send twenty upon the *London*.

Lrs. sent
1741, No. 88.

NINTHLY, TOUCHING THE CHARTER.

96. We have nothing new to trouble your Honours with under this head at present.

TENTHLY, CONCERNING THE FRENCH.

97. The French have had five ships from France this season and expect one more. They have brought from eighty to one hundred chests of treasure each. Monsr. Dumas, the present Governour at Pondicherry, returns to France this month and is to be succeeded by Monsr. Duplex, the present Directore in Bengall, who is expected up in January. Monsr. D' Irod, the present Chief at Mahee, is expected from thence to go and succeed Mr. Duplex in Bengall [when] their first ship arrived from France it [. . .] out Monsr. Labordenier who was two years [. . .] at Mascarine was coming out again [. . .] two of seventy guns each to take Mombas [from the] Arabs on the coast of Affrick, and some other Secret Expedition was hinted at in case of a war with England. But since their last ships arrived they tell us they beleive there will be no war with England, and that Monsr. Labourdiner is arrived at the Islands with eight ships, and that he himself is gone out with the two largest as some think to make a settlement near Mosambique on the Coast of Affrick, what the other six are to do is not yet mentioned.

Lrs. Recd.,
1741, Nos.
72, 78, 81,
and 93.

98. The French as usual after the arrival of their ships gave out large lists of goods to their merchants, but for the provision of them have to struggle with us, as well as many other difficulties which are common to us both. They dispatch two ships this month, but we can never procure an account of the cargoes of any of their ships till after they are sail'd. We wrote your Honours last season that upon the demands made upon the French by the Morattas, they detain'd one of their ships. The cargo which was then designed for her together with coffee from Mocha and pepper from the Mallabar coast, we beleive, compose the chief of their cargoes now, as they cannot have procured many callicoës this season.

Lrs. recd.,
1741, No. 93.

99. The French after Cawn Bahauder and Francis Peireira arrived at Pondicherry made up a present some say to the value of ten thousand and others fifteen thousand rupees, and sent their vakeel with it to the Moratta Generals but they were passed the hills and marched on too fast to be overtaken; so the presents were brought back.

SUPPLEMENT.

100. Your Honours ship the *Princess Augusta* sail'd for the Bay the 10th instant, and as the southerly winds continued for several days after, we hope she has met with a quick passage.

101. As we were obliged to put some saltpetre on board the *Prince of Wales* to compleat her tonnage, Captain Pelly was under a necessity to unstow the coffee and as this work would detain him longer than the 10th of this month, when Captain Browne had advised us he intended to sail, and we had intended to dispatch the *Cæsar* along with him, but as Captain Pelly told us he hoped to get ready by the 25th we beleived it would be for the security of the three ships, in the present situation of affairs in Europe that they all sail'd from hence in company, and therefore resolved to deferr the dispatch of the *Cæsar* till we dispatched the *Prince of Wales*, and gave Captain Browne our opinion and advice in writing, that it would be for the security of the *Nottingham* to stay here till they sail'd.

Cons 1741 :
September.
3 and 10.

Cons. 1741,
Sept. 17.

102. We paid Captain Cummings nine hundred and ninety (990) pagodas, which he requested we would advance him, agreeable to a clause in the *Cæsar's* charterparty for buying victuals and other necessary provisions for his ship. His original request and one of the receipts come in the packet by that ship.

ibid Sept.
17 & 21.

103. The 15th at night the *Wager*, Capt. Charles Raymond, anchored in our road great part of the ship's company being ill of the scurvy was his reason for coming in here. We shall keep the military here, and there will also stay with us Messrs. Kelsall and Nicholls, which Captain Raymond tells us your Honours designed as writers for this place.

104. The 12th instant the President received a letter and seerpaw from Nazamall Mulk, translate of the letter and the President's answer to it as well as translates of the letters from and to Imaum Sahib upon the same occasion, are inclosed in the packet.

105. Our Nabob Subder Ally Cawn left some days ago, and came to Conjeveram with [. . .] horse, and four thousand foot; after a day's [stay.] there, he came down to Covelong with his [. . .] only by five hundred horse, and from thence came [. . .] the 17th in the evening. The President sent his compliments to him, and we shall very like see him in here before these ships sail. He intends to leave his family here but will not himself stay above a night or two in town. Meer Assud will come along with the Nabob, and the President will take that opportunity to engage the friendship of that minister.

106. The 16th instant Monsr. Labourdinier arrived at Pondicherry with three ships belonging to his squadron, and five more are expected there every day. The French give out that these three ships have twelve hundred soldiers on board, that their intention in coming upon this Coast was to relieve Pondicherry in case it should have been attacked by the Morattas, that they will sail shortly to the Malabar coast to oblige the natives to conclude a peace with their settlement at Mayhie. We don't suppose they were sent out for either of these purposes, but what further designs they have is kept very secret.

107. As two ships are to sail in very few days from Pondicherry, we have wrote your Honours by them, dated the 21st instant. It contain'd chiefly an account of the arrival and departure of your ships, and the whole being no more than an extract of some parts of this letter we do not trouble you with any copy by these ships.

108. Inclosed in the packets by these ships your Honours will find an indent for some warlike stores which we hope you will please to order to be sent us.

Cons. 1741,
August 21.

109. The supracargoes of the *Prince of Wales* have not chose to make any other consignment to us of the coffee purchased at Mocha, and the remainder of the stock uninvested than by bill of lading. The amount of the silver received from them was eleven thousand four hundred and twenty one ounces, sixteen penny weights, twenty two grains (11,421-16-22) for which we shall credit account current London at the same price as that received by the *King William*. As for the coffee, we have inserted it in their bill of lading from hence conformable to the weight specified in the bill of lading from Mocha.

110. Your Honours will find in the *Cæsar's* [packet] Captain Cummings's request for pepper, as likewise his obligation in behalf of his owners that so much of it as is above his ship's charterparty tonnage, shall be at half freight and no more. The freight of the surplus tonnage on board the *Prince of Wales* we observe is provided for in that ship's charterparty.

Cons. 1741,
August 24.

111. We have also loaden on the *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales* three tons in rice over and above the five tons usually sent for the supply of St. Helena, and in each ship's packet are the Captains' obligation that the same is to be at half freight.

112. The 21st at midnight the Nabob sent into town his mother, his lady and his son who is about four years old. Their female attendance are very numerous, which has given us much trouble to find room for them. We sent our Polligar

with two hundred peons and our country musick to meet them at Triplicane. The guard which the Nabob sent with them returned back from thence, except about twenty horse that came into town with them. The Nabob having sent notice that he intended to come into town next afternoon Mr. Monson and Captain Hollond, the Polligar with two hundred peons, and our country musick met him at the edge of the bounds. When he came to Triplicane bridge he stopt there and sent all his force back to St. Thome except about thirty horse and one hundred peons, but he was met by many thousands of our inhabitants who attended him from Triplicane to the foot of the Island bridge. The Governour attended by the Council and most of the European inhabitants met him at the Fort Gate, when the guns from the ramparts began to fire, and we conducted him up to the Consultation room where after having stayed about half an hour, we waited upon him again to the Fort Gate, and he proceeded to the house which was prepared for his reception in the Black Town. The Fort had saluted him with sixty one guns, [. . .] the four Europe ships with twenty one each. The [Fort?] fired twenty one more when he reached his own [house]. The next morning the Governour sent him the [usual . . .] present of provisions, and as he brought in [several] great men with him, 'twas also necessary to send some to them. Some was likewise sent to his family when they came in. In the afternoon the President, with the Council and the Captain of the Guard, waited upon the Nabob at his own house and staid with him the best part of an hour. As all that passed was publick, and the Nabob has not yet proposed a private interview, we cannot yet advise your Honours where he designs to go from hence. Meer Assad did not come in here, but set out for the army about half an hour before the Nabob came from St. Thome. The President has wrote him a letter to express his concern that he could not have the pleasure of seeing him, Imaum Sahib's children being still in town, sent a compliment to the Nabob with one hundred and one gold mohurs in a silver fillagree bandaja, the Nabob said it was too much, only took one of the gold mohurs and sent them word he would come and see them before he went out of town. The Governours of the towns to the northward of this place that are under his province come in daily to pay their respects to him. 'Tis a great concern to us that we were not better prepared for his reception and accommodation, but he makes it as easy to us as he can, having but very few of his own attendants about him, and those are extreemly quiet.

Pags. fns. c.

113. The invoice to England by the *Cæsar* amounts to ninety eight thousand one hundred and nine pagodas, twenty three fanams, 98,109 23 0

That to St. Helena to two hundred and twenty nine pagodas, twenty eight fanams, and sixty five cash ... 229 28 65

Captain Cumming's manifest of private trade to three thousand two hundred and fifty one pagodas ... 3,251 0 0

114. The amount of the *Prince of Wales's* Madrass invoice to England is forty thousand eight hundred and ninety pagodas, twenty four fanams and thirty three cash. 40,890 24 33

Of her St. Helena invoice, two hundred thirty pagodas, thirty two fanams and fifteen cash ... 230 32 15

Capt. Pelly's manifest of private trade amounts to six thousand five hundred seventy one Spanish Dollars ... { 6,571 \$
and fifteen hundred eighty seven pagodas ... { 1,587 0 0

115. Captain Brown of the *Nottingham* has manifested here to the amount of five thousand 5,000 pagodas.

116. The Register of diamonds and precious stones by the *Nottingham* amounts to twenty eight thousand nine hundred and one pagodas, fourteen fanams, and forty three cash. 28,901 14 43

That by the *Prince of Wales* to twenty nine thousand, seven hundred seventy two pagodas, twenty nine fanams and fifty one cash ... 29,772 29 51

There are none register'd by the *Cæsar*.—

117. The ballance of your cash remaining this day consists of fifty two thousand six hundred and seven pagodas, thirty four fanams and sixty seven cash, (52,607-34-67) of the new money; twenty two thousand four hundred twenty two pagodas (22,422), of the old money, and eighteen hundred and eighty (1,880) Madrass pagodas.

We are, Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

POSTSCRIPT.

The bills of Exchange we now draw on your Honours payable at ninety days' sight and the certificates we have granted by these ships, *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham* are as follow :—

Bills of Exchange.

For free merchants &c. at 7s. 4d. per pagoda.—

Dated 1741.		Pags.	fns.	c.	£	s.	d.
31st August	1 To Monsr. Dumas, Knight of the Order of St. Michael, or order.	4,000	0	0	1,466	13	4
	1 To Do. Do.	15,000	0	0	5,500	0	0
21st September.	1 To Do. Do.	10,000	0	0	3,666	13	4
	3 Sets value of the said Monsr. Dumas :—						
	1 To Francis Cossigny or order value of himself	2,000	0	0	733	6	8
10th September.	1 To Barthelemey Cayrefourg or Order, value of himself	2,000	0	0	733	6	8
	1 To Francis Barry or order, value of himself	2,000	0	0	733	6	8
	N.B.—This six foregoing sets are in four bills each.						
7th September.	1 To John Sanderson or order, value of Samuel Barlow	891	30	0	327	0	1
	1 To Hannah Cradock or order	5,168	14	23	1,895	1	7
	1 To Charles Benyon or order	2,181	29	36	800	0	0
	2 Sets value of Richard Benyon Esqr.						
17th September.	1 To Richard Nevill or order value of Nicolas Morse and William Monson	6,000	0	0	2,200	0	0
17th September.	1 To Nicolas Morse or order, value of himself	409	3	21	150	0	0
	11 sets . . . at 7s. 4d.	49,651	5	0	18,205	8	4
	In return for coral at 7s. 3d. per pagoda :—						
17th September.	1 To Judah Supino and Son or order, value of Nicolas Morse	334	9	35	128	2	8
	In all 12 sets amounting to—	Pags	...	49,985	14	35	18,333
					11	0	

Eighteen thousand three hundred thirty three pounds, eleven shillings sterling, or forty nine thousand nine hundred eighty five pagodas, fourteen fanams, and thirty five cash, which sum we have received into your Honours' cash here.

Certificates.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
1 set, dated 7th September 1741, for two hundred and forty pagodas received of William Percival on account of Captain Richard Michelfield Junior his adventure outward bound and the returns thereof.	240	0	0

We are, Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THE GOVERNOUR &CA.,
COUNCIL OF ST. HELENA.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Inclosed are invoices and bills of lading for rice, arrack and sugar, now sent you on the *Cæsar*, Captain [. . .] Cummings and *Prince* [of] *Wales*, Captain John Pelly Junior, by which you will observe there are three tons of rice extraordinary [on] board each of those ships agreeable to the orders we [received] from our Honourable masters by the *Cæsar*.

We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

RICHARD BENYON, &CA.

REGISTER OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE

Drawn by the President and Council of Fort St. George on the Hon'ble Court of Directors for affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of merchants of England trading to the East Indies, payable at ninety days' sight, and seven shillings and eight pence per pagoda in return for coral &ca. licenced out by the said Court of Directors per *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham* :—

Pags. fns. c.

£128-2-8 (One hundred twenty eight pounds, two shillings, and eight pence sterling,) payable to Judah Supino and Son or order, for three hundred thirty four pagodas, nine fanams, and thirty five cash in full returns for one case of rough coral imported anno 1736 per <i>Prince William</i> . One set, dated 17th September 1741, value of Nicolas Mors	}	334 9 35
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Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

REGISTER OF DIAMONDS, PRECIOUS STONES, &CA.

Licenced by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on the *Prince of Wales*, Captain John Pelly Junior, by the following persons in return for coral and on other accounts :—

By Randall Fowke, consign'd to Judah Supino and Son or order :—

£ s. d. Pags. fns. c.

One bulse of diamonds, value nine hundred and fifty three pags., thirty three [sic] fanams, and seventy six cash, or... ..	371 10 6	953 30 76
In full returns for a box of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>Cæsar</i> .		

[. . .] bulse of diamonds, value two thousand one hundred and ninety six pagodas, seven fanams and forty two cash or... ..	841 17 7	2,196 7 42
In full returns for a box of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>Cæsar</i> .		

By Nicolas Morse consign'd to Judah Supino & Son or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value eight hundred and one pagodas, two fanams and twenty cash, or... ..	307 1 6	801 2 20
In full returns for a case of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>Cæsar</i> .		

By Nicolas Morse and Rawson Hart consigned to David DeCastro or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value six hundred and forty nine pagodas, eleven fanams and twenty cash or... ..	248 18 0	649 11 20
In full returns for one case of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>Cæsar</i> .		

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
By Nicolas Morse and Rawson Hart consign'd to Jacob and Abraham Fernandes Nunes or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds, value five hundred and twenty seven pagodas, ten fanams and ten cash, or In part returns for a case of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>Cæsar</i> .	202	2	6	527	10	10
By William Monson consign'd to Charles Peers Esqr. or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value eight hundred and fifty one pagodas, two fanams and twenty cash— ... ..	...	...	...	851	2	20
By Richard Benyon Esq. consigned to Isaac Salvador or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value seventeen hundred and fifty eight pagodas, ten fanams and twenty cash, or	674	2	0	1,758	10	20
In further part returns for three boxes of coral beads and five chests of rough coral imported anno 1738, per <i>Princess Mary, Godolphin, Wager and Beaufort</i> —						
By Richard Benyon Esqr., consigned to Alexander Remires Da Costa or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value eleven hundred and fifteen pagodas, thirty three fanams and sixty cash or	427	15	6	1,115	3	60
In full returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Colchester</i> .						
By Richard Benyon Esqr., consigned to Natal Levy Sonsino or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value fourteen hundred and ninety eight pagodas, twenty seven fanams, and fifty cash, or	574	10	6	1,498	27	50
In full returns for a box of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>Cæsar</i> .						
By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to James Porten or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value sixteen hundred and sixty eight pagodas, eighteen fanams, or	639	11	40	1,668	18	0
In part returns for a box of coral beads imported anno 1737, per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> .						
By Rawson Hart, consigned to Heron Hart or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds, value six hundred twenty seven pagodas, thirteen fanams, and forty cash— ... ..	...	...	...	627	13	40
By Timothy Tullie consigned to Thomas Hall and Joseph Tullie or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds, value seven hundred and eighteen pagodas, eighteen fanams ... ..	...	...	...	718	18	0
By Abraham and Solomon Salomons, consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco or order:—						
Three bulses of diamonds, value thirteen thousand four hundred and fourteen pagodas, twenty two fanams and two cash ... ..	...	...	...	13,414	22	2
Of which £ 283-14-9 or seven hundred forty pagodas six fanams and sixty seven cash is in full returns for two chests of rough coral, imported anno 1736 per <i>Halifax</i> .						
£ 314-12-7 or eight hundred twenty pagodas twenty eight fanams and two cash, is in full returns for two chests of rough coral, imported anno 1739 per <i>Duke of Lorrain</i> .						
£ 351-14-1 or nine hundred seventeen pagodas seventeen fanams and fifty three cash is in full returns for one chest of coral beads, imported anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> .						

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
£[. . .] 8 or four hundred forty seven pagodas, thirty five fanams and twenty two cash is in full returns for one chest of coral beads, imported anno, per <i>Colchester</i> . And £838-15-10 or two thousand one hundred eighty eight Pagodas, five fanams and forty eight cash, is in full returns for one chest of coral beads, imported anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> .						
By Abraham and Solomon Salomons consign'd to Phineas Serra or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds, value seventeen hundred forty nine pagodas, thirty three fanams, and fifty one cash or	670	16	1	1,749	33	51
... ..						
In full returns for a chest of coral beads, imported anno 1739 per <i>Shaftsbury</i> —						
By Abraham and Solomon Salomons consign'd to Moses Espenoza or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds, value three hundred thirty seven pagodas, twenty two fanams and forty cash.	...			337	22	40
By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to Isaac Salvador or order:—						
One bulse of diamonds, value nine hundred and four pagodas, eighteen fanams, or	346	14	6	904	18	0
... ..						
In further part returns for two chests of coral beads, imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> and <i>Wager</i> .						
	Pags	..		29,772	29	51
Fort St. George, 26th September, 1741.						
				JOHN SAVAGE,		
				Secretary		

REGISTER OF DIAMONDS, PRECIOUS STONES, &CA.

Licenced by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on the *Nottingham*, Captain Thomas Browne, by the following persons in return for coral and on other accounts :—

By John Saunders, consigned to Edmund and Joseph Godfrey or order:—

	Pags.	fns.	c.
One bulse of diamonds, value six hundred and seventy pagodas, sixteen fanams and seventy cash			
By Randall Fowke, consign'd to Judah Sup[ino] and Son or order :—			
One bulse of diamonds, value fourteen hundred and eighty seven pagodas, fifteen fanams and sixty two cash or £570-3-8	1,487	15	62
In full returns for a box of coral beads, imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> .			
One bulse of diamonds, value sixteen hundred and thirty six pagodas, twenty-seven fanams, and thirty-six cash or £627-8-6	1,636	27	36
In full returns for a box of coral beads, imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> .			
One bulse of diamonds, value six hundred and one pagodas, eight fanams and forty-eight cash, or £238-16-3	601	8	68
In full returns for a box of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> .			
By Nicolas Morse, consigned to Judah Supino and Son or order :—			
One bulse of diamonds, value eight hundred and eighty four pagodas, eleven fanams and sixteen cash	884	11	16
Of which £87-13-8, or two hundred and twenty eight pagodas, twenty-six fanams, and seventy-one cash, is in full returns for a case of branch coral, imported anno 1737 per <i>Nottingham</i> , and £251-6-0, or six hundred and fifty-five pagodas, twenty fanams, and twenty-five cash, is in part returns for a case of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> .			

One bulse of diamonds, value four hundred and sixty nine pagodas, twenty-eight fanams and fifteen cash or £180-1-8	Pags. fns. c.	469	28	15
In part return for a case of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> .				
One bulse of diamonds, value four hundred sixty nine pagodas, twenty eight fanams and fourteen cash or £180-1-8	469	28	14	
By Nicolas Morse and Rawson Hart consigned to Jacob and Abraham Fernandes Nunes or order :—				
One bulse of diamonds, value five hundred and seventy six pagodas, eighteen fanams, and forty four cash, or £220-19-11	576	18	44	
In part returns for a case of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> .				
By Nicolas Morse and Rawson Hart consigned to David De Castro or order :—				
One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value six hundred and ninety six pagodas, thirty five fanams, and thirty one cash or £267-3-6	696	35	31	
In part returns for a case of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> .				
By William Monson, consigned to Charles Peers Esqr. or order :—				
One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value eight hundred and thirty four pagodas, twenty three fanams and five cash	834	23	5	
By Michael Gregorio consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco or order, account of David Sherriman of Leghorne :—				
One small box of rubies, six chests of garnets, value two thousand one hundred and twenty seven pagodas, thirty three fanams	2,127	33	0	
Of which £524-13-8 or one thousand three hundred and sixty eight pagodas, twenty six fanams and seventy cash is in full returns for the remains of one box of emeralds imported anno 1739 per <i>Shaftsbury</i> ; £200-6-4 or five hundred and twenty two pagodas, twenty fanams, and twenty cash, is in further part returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> ; £90-14-0 or two hundred and thirty six pagodas, twenty one fanams and seventy cash, is in part returns for two chests of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> .				
By Abraham and Solomon Salomans consigned to Phineas Serra or order :—				
One bulse of diamonds valued for five hundred and sixty four pagodas, twenty two fanams and eight cash or £484-15-4	1,264	22	8	
In full returns for the remains of a chest of coral beads imported anno 1736 per <i>Prince William</i> .				
By Abraham and Solomon Salomons consigned to Judah Supino and Son or order :—				
One bulse of diamonds, value eleven hundred and four pagodas, one fanam and seventeen cash or £423-4-3	1,104	1	[17]	
In full returns for a case of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> .				
By Abraham and Solomon Salomons, consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco or order :—				
Four bulses of diamonds, value thirteen thousand four hundred and eighty one pagodas, thirty four fanams, and sixty seven cash ..	13,481	34	67	
Of which £1,368-9-7 or three thousand five hundred and sixty nine pagodas, thirty four fanams and thirty cash, is in full returns for a case of coral beads, imported anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> ; £569-12-7 or fourteen hundred and eighty five pagodas, thirty five fanams, and fifty eight cash is in full returns for a chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Colchester</i> ; £178-18-9 or four hundred sixty six pagodas, twenty eight fanams, and sixty three cash is in full returns for a chest of rough coral imported anno 1737 per <i>Nottingham</i> ; and £176-0-8, or four hundred and fifty nine pagodas, seven fanams and seventy six cash is in full returns for a chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Heathcote</i> .				
By Isaac Clause, consigned to John Henry Mertins Esq., or order :—				
One bulse of diamonds, value nine hundred and forty two pagodas, twenty four fanams	942	24	0	

	Pags.	fns.	c.
By Isaac Clause, consigned to Abraham Andrews or order :—			
One bulse of diamonds, value two hundred and twenty one pagodas.	221	0	0
By Rawson Hart, consigned to Heron Hart or order :—			
One bulse of diamonds, value five hundred and eighty eight pagodas, twelve fanams and thirty cash	588	12	30
By Timothy Tullie consigned to Thomas Hall and Joseph Tullie or order :—			
One bulse of diamonds, value eight hundred and forty two pagodas, thirty three fanams and forty cash	842	33	40
Pagodas	28,901	14	43

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1745.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

ACCOUNT PRODUCE OF SUCH CHESTS OF CORAL FOR WHICH REMITTANCES ARE NOW
MADE IN FULL PER CÆSAR, PRINCE OF WALES AND NOTTINGHAM.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
One chest of coral beads, received anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741...	570	3	8	450	0	0
One chest of coral beads, received anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741...	627	8	6	475	0	0
One chest of coral beads, recd. anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741...	233	16	3	145	0	0
One case of branch coral, recd. anno 1737 per <i>Nottingham</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741...	87	13	8	64	0	0
One case of coral beads, received anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741...	251	6	0			
Do. do. ...	307	1	6			
	558	7	6	410	0	0
One case of coral beads received anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741...	267	3	6			
Do. do. ...	243	18	0			
	516	1	6	410	0	0
One case of coral beads received anno 1736 per <i>Prince William</i> —						
Remitted by bill, September 1741 ...	128	2	8	98	0	0
One box of coral beads received anno 1740 per <i>Colchester</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	427	15	6	[410	0	0]
One box of coral beads received anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741...	574	10	6	450	0	0
Emeralds. One box received anno 1739 per <i>Shaftsbury</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1740...	29	2	8			
Do. do. 1741...	524	13	8			
	553	16	4	300	[0	0]
One chest of coral beads received anno 1736 per <i>Prince William</i> —						
Remitted by bill, September 1738 ...	204	13	2 $\frac{3}{4}$			
Remitted by bulse, do. 1741 ...	484	15	4			
	[. . .]			[. . .]		
One chest of coral beads received anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse September 1741 ...	423	4	3	335	[0	0]
One chest of coral beads received anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	1,368	9	7	Not particularised.		

One chest of coral beads received anno 1740 per <i>Colchester</i> —	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Remitted by bulse, October 1740 ...	1361	2	2			
Do. January 1740-41 ...	144	0	3			
Do. September 1741 ...	569	12	7			
	2,074	15	0	1,750	0	0
One chest of rough coral received anno 1737 per <i>Nottingham</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	178	18	9	120	0	0
One chest of coral beads received anno 1740 per <i>Heathcote</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, January 1740-41 ...	265	11	11			
Do. September 1741 ...	176	0	8			
	441	12	7	320	0	0
One chest of coral beads received anno 1739 per <i>Shaftsbury</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	670	16	1	650	0	0
Two chests of rough coral received anno 1736 per <i>Halifax</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	283	11	9	229	0	0
Two chests of rough coral received anno 1739 per <i>Duke of Lorrain</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	314	12	7	230	0	0
One chest of coral beads received anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	351	14	1	290	0	0
One chest of coral beads received anno 1740 per <i>Colchester</i> —						
By bulse, September 1741 ...	478	8	0	375	0	0
One chest of coral beads received anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	838	15	10	530	0	0
One box of coral beads received anno 1741 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	371	10	6	305	0	0
One box of coral beads received anno 1741, per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, September 1741 ...	841	17	7	615	0	0
	£13,616	14	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	9,521	0	0

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741,

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

I. Robert Cummings, Commander of the ship *Cæsar* do hereby for and on behalf of the owners of the said ship, covenant, promise and agree to, and with the President and Council of Fort St. George, that the surplus pepper now laden on board her by them, being fifty seven tons, three hundred weight, one quarter, and seventeen pounds (57-3-1-17) and shot loose in the said ship's hold, shall be accounted and paid for at half freighty and no more, provided that the said pepper so shot loose shall not be reckoned as part of her charter-party tonnage. Witness my hand in Fort St. George, this twenty-fifth day of September, anno 1741.

ROBERT CUMMINGS.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LADEN BY ME ON THE CÆSAR AS MY ADVENTURE
HOMEWARD BOUND.

Arrack	18 casks qt. 2,700 gallons, value about	...	...	...	Pags.
Canes	5,000	...	...	...	950
Rattans	1,000 bundles	...	...	...	300
Camphire	10 duffers, 3 candy	...	...	...	300
China ware	6 chests, 1,000 dishes, 1,000 plates, and 1 box, sneakers, 312	...	...	...	370
	tea potts	...	...	...	250
Schrans	10 cases	...	7	...	150
Piece goods vizt. :—					
1 bale	40 Pieces of bettelas, 40 Handks. 30 pieces red bettelas and				
	20 F ginghams	...	...	...	310
Do.	66 pieces of chints	...	...	...	176
Do.	150 do. of do.	...	...	...	225
Do.	100 do. of ginghams	...	...	...	70
Do.	100 do.	...	...	...	70
Do.	100 do.	...	...	...	80
	Pagodas	...	...	...	3,251

Fort St. George,
25th September, [1741].

ROBERT CUMMINGS.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LADEN BY ME ON THE PRINCE OF WALES AS MY
ADVENTURE HOMEWARD BOUND.

Myrrh	...	34 bundles	...	...	value about S.D.	...	1,450
Olibanum,	...	19 do.	...	...	...	...	209
Dragons blood,	...	1 box	...	...	...	...	92
Gum Arabick,	...	loose	...	...	...	...	469
Coffee,	...	100 parcels	...	...	...	...	3,913
Lapis Julia,	...	1 box	...	...	...	...	28
Balm of gillead,	...	1 box	...	...	...	...	300
Mother of pearl shells	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Spanish Dollars							6,571
Bagg pearl,	...	4 baggs	...	...	value about Pags.	...	26
Rattans,	...	300 bundles	...	...	...	...	54
Nurser skins,	...	loose	...	...	...	...	28
Saunders wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	285
Folium India,	...	8 parcels	...	...	...	...	30
Saltpetre,	...	27 baggs	...	...	...	...	117
Benjamin,	...	4 boxes	...	...	...	...	128
Sago,	...	18 baggs	...	...	...	...	23
Pictures,	...	1 case	...	...	...	...	50
China,	...	2 boxes	...	...	...	...	50
Amoniacum,	...	3 chests	...	...	...	...	207
White pepper...	...	10 baggs	...	...	...	...	89
Sundry piece goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	500
Pagodas							1,587

Errors Excepted,

per

J. PELLY, JUNR.

Fort St. George,
25th September, 1741.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LADEN BY ME ON BOARD THE NOTTINGHAM AS MY
ADVENTURE HOMEWARD BOUND.

Olibanum	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pags.
Myrrh	...	...	...	...	...	...	300
Wormseed	...	...	...	...	...	...	130
Sarsacolla	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Seed lack	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Stick lack	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
Gam bordge	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Lignum Asphaltum	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Bezoar	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Cassia Lignum	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
Indigo	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Arrack	...	12 leagers	...	...	...	...	300
Canes	...	1,600	...	...	...	...	600
Rattans	...	1,000 bundles	...	...	...	...	100
Surat piece goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Chints	...	...	...	...	...	...	500
Handkerchiefs and sundry piece goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	800
Silks	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Blue cloth	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Fish skins	...	...	...	...	...	...	220
China ware	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Pagodas							460
Pagodas							5,000

Errors Excepted

per

THOMAS BROWNE.

Fort St. George,
25th September, 1741.

LIST OF BOOKS, IN THE PACKET PER CÆSAR.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

No.			
1.	Diaries and Consultations,	1741,	From 31st January 1740-41 to 26th September 1741.
2.	Letters received,	1741 No. 18 to 97	Do.
3.	Letters sent,	1741 Nos 12 to 91	Do.
4.	Cash accounts,	1741	Do.
5.	Cowles and Commission,	1741	Do.
6.	Ship book,	1741	Do.
7.	Duplicate journal,	...	{ Commencing 1st May 1739; ending 30th April 1740.
8.	Do. ledger,	...	
9.	Mint accounts current,	1741	From 1st January 1740-41 to 31st August 1741.
10.	Sea Customer's accounts	1741	Do.
	current,		
11.	Land do.	1741	Do.
12.	Paymaster's accounts	1741	Do.
	current,		

VIZAGAPATAM.

13.	Journal, Ledger	...	Commencing 1st May 1739, ending 30th April 1740.
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Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET PER CÆSAR.

- No.
1. Fort St. George, general letter, per *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales*, dated 26th September, 1741.
 2. Triplicate do per *Hardwicke* and *Prince William*, dated 31st January 1740-41.
 3. Do. do. dated 4th February 1740-41, and
 4. Triplicate papers referred to in the letter per *Hardwicke* and *Prince William*, dated 4th February 1740-41, Vizt.
 - No. 2. Translates of two letters from the Moratta Generals received the 16th January, and the President's answers referr'd to in the 2nd para.
 3. Translate of the letter from Rahgojee Bosalla only, received the 18th January, and the President's answer referred to in the 2nd para.
 4. Translate of a letter from Monsr. Dumas to the President referred to in the 2nd para.
 5. Translate of two letters from Nabob Subder Ally Cawn and Budda Sahib to the President and one to Petrus, received 30th January, refer'd to in the 6th para.
 6. The President's answers to Nabob Subderally and Budda Sahib, referr'd to in the 6th paragraph.
 5. Copy of the Fort St. George general letter to St. Helena per *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales*, dated 26th September, 1741.
 6. Invoice of the *Cæsar's* cargo, amounting to Pags. 98,109-23-0.
 7. Duplicate invoice of the *Prince of Wales's* Madrass cargo amounting to Pags. 40,890-24-33.
 8. Copy of the invoice to St. Helena per *Cæsar* amounting to Pags. 229-28-65.
 9. Duplicate invoice of the *Hardwicke's* cargo, amounting to Pags. 83,045-[35-30.]
 10. Triplicate invoice of the *Prince William's* cargo amounting to Pags. 67,993-7-64.
 11. First bill of lading for the *Cæsar's* cargo.

No.

12. Second bill of lading for the *Prince of Wales's* cargo.
13. Second bill of lading for the *Hardwicke's* cargo.
14. Second bill of lading for surplus
bales per *Hardwicke*. { These were not sent by the *Prince William* as it was uncertain when the *Hardwicke* was dispatched from hence to St. Davids whether the gentlemen there would send her to England or keep her in the country.
15. First bill of lading for the *Cæsar's* surplus pepper.
16. Captain Cummings's request for surplus pepper.
17. Captain Cummings's agreement for the freight of his surplus pepper.
18. Captain Cummings's request for 300 dollars per 100 ton.
19. Captain Cummings's first receipt for the 300 dollars per 100 ton.
20. List of packing stuff in 1,000 bales of Coast goods per *Cæsar*.
21. Calculate of the *Cæsar's* tonnage.
22. Muster roll of the *Cæsar's* crew.
23. List of the *Cæsar's* ordnance and warlike stores.
24. Manifest of goods landed at Fort St. George per *Cæsar*.
25. Manifest of presents per *Cæsar*.
26. Copy of Captain Cummings's dispatch.
27. Five Surgeons' first receipts for headmoney vizt.—

Of the <i>Cæsar</i>	on 2 soldiers for this place.
Of the <i>Prince of Orange</i>	on 18 soldiers intended for Bengall.
Of the <i>King William</i>	on 34 soldiers for this place.
Of the <i>Beaufort</i>	on 32 soldiers for this place.
Of the <i>Wager</i>	on 9 soldiers intended for Bengall.
28. Fort St. George indent for gunner's stores for 1743.
29. Register of bills of exchange in return for coral per *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham*.
30. Duplicate additional register of diamonds and precious stones per *Hardwicke*.
31. Triplicate register of diamonds and precious stones per *Prince of Wales*.
32. Triplicate register of diamonds and precious stones per *Nottingham*.
33. Triplicate account produce of coral for which remittances are now made in full per *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham*.
34. List of revenues from 1st May 1741 to 30th April 1741.
35. List of covenanted servants on the Coast of Choromandel.
36. List of inhabitants, women and sea-faring men.
37. Muster roll of the 1st Company of soldiers at Fort St. George.
38. Muster roll of the 2nd Company of soldiers at Fort St. George.
39. Muster roll of the 3rd Company of soldiers at Fort St. George.
40. Muster roll of the gunroom crew at Fort St. George.
41. Muster roll of peons and country musick at Fort St. George.
42. Letters from Meer Assad to the President and Petrus, mentioned in Consultation the 9th March and referred to in the 61st para of the 26th September, 1741.
43. Answers from the Moratta Generals, referred to in the 61st para. of the 26th September, 1741.
44. Letters from the Nabob and Budda Sahib about the Nabob's coming down here referred to in the 65th para. of the 26th September, 1741.
45. Letters from Nazar Mul Mulk and Imaum Saib to the President and the President's answers referred to in the 104th para. of the 26th September, 1741.
46. Captain Cummings's manifest of private trade.

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

LIST OF THE FORT ST. GEORGE PACKET PER PRINCE OF WALES.—

No.

1. Fort St. George general letter per *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales*, dated 26th September 1741.
2. Copy of the Fort St. George general letter to St. Helena per *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales*, dated 26th September 1741.
3. Invoice of the *Prince of Wales's* Madrass cargo amounting to Pags. 40,890-24-33.
4. Copy of the invoice to St. Helena, per *Prince of Wales*, amounting to Pags. 230-32-15.
5. Duplicate invoice of the *Cæsar's* cargo amounting to Pags. 98,109-23-0.
6. First bill of lading for the *Prince of Wales's* cargo.
7. Second bill of lading of the *Cæsar's* cargo.
8. Second bill of lading for the *Cæsar's* surplus pepper.
9. Calculate of the *Prince of Wales's* tonnage.
10. List of packing stuff in 414 bales of Coast goods per *Prince of Wales*.
11. Copy of Captain Pelly's dispatch, dated the 26th September 1741.
12. Muster roll of the *Prince of Wales's* crew.
13. List of the *Prince of Wales's* ordnance and warlike stores.
14. Captain Cummings's second receipt for the 300 dollars per 100 tons.
15. Five Surgeon's receipts for headmoney Vizt.

Of the <i>Cæsar</i> —	on 2 soldiers for this place.
Of the <i>Prince of Orange</i> —	on 18 soldiers intended for Bengall.
Of the <i>King William</i> —	on 34 soldiers for this place.
Of the <i>Beaufort</i> —	on 32 soldiers for this place.
Of the <i>Wager</i> —	on 9 soldiers intended for Bengall.
16. Manifest of goods landed at Fort St. George from the *Prince of Wales*.
17. Manifest of presents licenced per *Prince of Wales*.
18. Fort St. George indent for gunners' stores for 1743.
19. Register of diamonds and precious stones licenced per *Prince of Wales*.
20. Duplicate register of diamonds and precious stones licenced per *Nottingham*.
21. Duplicate register of bills of exchange in return for coral per *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham*.
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32. Answers from the Moratta Generals referred to in the 61st para of the 26th September 1741.
33. Letters from the Nabob and Budda Sahib about the Nabob's coming down here referred to in the 65th para of the 26th September 1741.
34. Letters from Nazar Mal Mulk and Imaum Sahib to the President and his answers referred to in the 104th para. of the 26th September 1741.
35. Captain Pelly's manifest of private trade.

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

LIST OF THE FORT ST. GEORGE PACKET PER NOTTINGHAM.

No.

1. Triplicate Fort St. George general letter per *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales*, dated 26th September 1741.
2. Letters from Meer Assaad to the President and Petrus mention'd in Cons. 9th March and referred to in the 6th para. of the 26th September 1741.
3. Answers from the Moratta Generals referred to in the 61st para. of the 26th September 1741.
4. Letters from the Nabob and Budda Sahib about the Nabob's coming down here referred to in the 65th para. of the 26th September 1741.
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6. List of revenues from 1st May to 30th April 1741.
7. List of covenanted servants on the Coast of Choromandell.
8. List of inhabitants, women and sea-faring men.
9. Triplicate Fort St. George indent for gunner's stores.
10. Register of diamonds and precious stones per *Nottingham*.
11. Duplicate register of diamonds and precious stones per *Prince of Wales*.
12. Triplicate register of bills of exchange in return for coral per *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham*.
13. Duplicate account produce of coral for which remittances are now made in full per *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham*.
14. Manifest of goods landed at Fort St. George from the *Nottingham*.
15. Captain Browne's manifest of private trade.
[A parcel] from Tellicherry received at Fort St. George per patamar the 28th August 1741 in the box apart.

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

To Captain ROBERT CUMMINGS,
Commander of the *Cæsar*.

Sir,

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the port of London in Great Britain. The first port you arrive at in England you are to send your Purser overland with the packet herewith delivered you, directed to the Honourable the Court of Directors for affairs of the Honourable the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street, London, taking care to write to them yourself and to give them an account of anything remarkable that you may meet with in the voyage.

Our Honourable masters have given orders to our President and Mr. Fowke to inform you what is necessary for your conduct in the passage, in the present situation of affairs in Europe.

If you touch at the Cape it will be acceptable to the Governour and Council of St. Helena that you carry them a supply of seeds, plants &c.

We wish you a good voyage and date this in Fort St. George this 26th day of September, 1741.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

To Captain JOHN PELLY, JUNIOR,
Commander of the *Prince of Wales*.

Sir,

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the port of London in Great Britain. The first port you arrive at in England you are to send your Purser overland with the packet herewith deliver'd you,

directed to the Honourable the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street, London, taking care to write to them yourself, and to give them an account of anything remarkable that you may meet with in the voyage.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

LIST OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S REVENUES IN FORT ST. GEORGE, AS THEY HAVE PRODUCED FROM PRIMO MAY 1740 TO ULTIMO APRIL 1741.

FIXED REVENUES.

	Annual rent.		
	Pags.	f.	c.
Beetle and tobacco farm—			
The cowle granted to Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramany Chitty for five years, commencing 5th September 1740 ending 5th September 1745, at twelve monthly payments	10,000	0	0
Arrack and wine licence—			
The cowle granted to Ramchundra and Gaunapa Moodelare for five years, commencing 5th December 1737 ending 11th December 1742 at twelve monthly payments	4,020	0	0
Town brokerage—			
The cowle granted to Gongadarah Eyah, Sombayah and Quotambaucum Gruapah for five years commencing 5th September 1740 ending 5th September 1745 at two half-yearly payments ...	700	0	0
Measuring farm—			
The cowle granted to Gongadarah Eyah, Sombayah and Quotambaucum Gruapah for five years commencing 20th September 1740 ending 20th September 1745, at six equal payments	1,000	0	0
Fishing farm—			
The cowle granted to Choudree Moodelee &ca. Macquas for five years commencing 25th March 1739 ending 25th March 1744, at two half-yearly payments	50	0	0
Egmore &ca. villages—			
The cowle granted to Mannapaucum Chin Tomby and Pigu Nella Chitty for twelve years commencing 1st July 1735 ending 30th June 1747 at one yearly payment	1,450	0	0
Trivetore &ca. villages—			
The cowle granted to Tomby Chitty &ca. for twelve years commencing 17th October 1729 ending 16th October 1741 at one yearly payment	1,230	0	0
Paddy fields and salt pans—			
The cowle granted to Gaunapah Moodelare for five years commencing 22nd May 1737 ending 21st May 1742 at one yearly payment ...	710	0	0
Gardens—			
One commonly called Maria Pois's let to Mannawauka Chin Tomby Enamb [. . .] Pollam Alegapa, Graminee Cauniapa and Graminee Nellamutta for twelve years commencing primo, January 1735-6 ending ultimo December 1747 at one yearly payment, Pags. 60	386	0	0
One commonly called the Company's Old Garden let to ditto for twelve years commencing primo January 1735-6 ending ultimo December 1747 at two half-yearly payments, Pags. 326 ...			
Ruby brokerage—			
The cowle granted to Nairo Cashava Chin Tomby Chitty and Anda Kishnama Chitty for five years, commencing 10th June 1739 ending 10th June 1744 at four quarterly payments	800	0	0

Butteca rent and shroff duty—

Pags. f. c.

The cowle granted to Tonta Vencataish for five years, commencing
1st May 1738 ending 1st May 1743, at four quarterly payments.

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VARIABLE REVENUES

Mint customs from primo May 1740 to ultimo April 1741 ... 329 9 78

Sea customs Do. ... 33,350 10 48

Land customs Do. ... 5,921 8 32

Quit rent, the amount of the assessments ending 31st August 1741 ... 2,224 31 0

41,825 23 78

Pagodas ... 62,581 23 78

Fort St. George,
26th September, 1741.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR
AFFAIRS OF THE HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.
(1st., 2nd per *Ceres* via Bussora)

Honourable,

The foregoing is copy of what we wrote your Honours by the French ships. This comes by the way of Bussora and we have only to add that the *Wager* sail'd for Bengall the 28th September, and the same day the *Cæsar*, *Nottingham*, and *Prince of Wales* sail'd for England, that by the *Galatea* which arrived here the 3rd instant, we are adviced the *Halifax*, *Prince of Orange* and *London* were safe arrived in the Bay, and the *King William* and *Beaufort* were met the 1st September, with a fair wind, very near Point [Palmiras]. The *Fort St. George* and *Nassau* arrived at Bombay the beginning of August. We are,

Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Fort St. George,
5th October, 1741.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.
(1st via Pondicherry.)

Honourable,

The 28th September the *Cæsar*, *Nottingham* and *Prince of Wales* sail'd out of this road for England. The 15th December the *Scarborough* and *Kent* arrived at Vizagapatam, and proceeded for the Bay the 19th, but were not in the river the 6th instant. The *Admiral Vernon* arrived here the 23rd December, and we expect every hour a cargo from the Bay sufficient to load her for England, and we hope may be dispatched by the 20th of next month. The *Wager* arrived from the Bay the 10th and the *King William* the 11th instant. The first will be filled up at Fort St. David, and we hope both ships will be clear of the Coast the beginning of next month. The *Bedford*, *Prince of Orange* and *Beaufort* sail'd from the Bay the 17th December and the *Nassau* would follow about the middle of this month. We are,

Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Fort St. George,
18th January 1741-42.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Honourable,

1. Our last general address to your honours was dated the 26th September last by the *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham*. The dispatches to the two first were of the same date but not deliver'd till the next day. They all three sail'd the 28th.

Cons. 1741,
Sept. 28;
Oct. 5.
Lrs. sent,
1741, Nos. 99,
100.

2. By the *Ceres* which sail'd hence to the Gulph of Persia the 6th October we forwarded to Mr. Dorrill two copies more of our letter of the 21st September mentioned in the 107th paragraph of that of the 26th with an addition dated the 5th October; that they might be forwarded to your Honours by way of Aleppo and Grand Cairo pursuant to your directions in your 17th paragraph of the 3d February 1740. Another short letter, dated the 18th January, we sent to Pondicherry to be forwarded on a ship that was near her departure from thence, but [in that] as well as those of the 21st September and 5th October contain'd only advices of the arrival and departure of your ships, [which] have and will be mentioned in our general advices, 'tis needless to send copies by these ships.

Letters recd.
1741.
No. 102.

3. Soon after the departure of the September ships we received a packet from the President and Council of Fort William in two copies which we now send in these ships' packets. In the *King Williams* is a fourth copy of our letter of the 26th September. What has occurred since [we] shall [now] add under the usual heads.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING.

Cons. 1741:
Sept. 28,
Oct. 8, Nov.
5.
Lrs. recd.
1741, Nos. 98,
101, 107, 116.
Do.
1742, No. 9.
Lrs. sent
1741, Nos. 95,
104, 106, 107,
& 109.

4. Your honours' sloop *Carolina* lies [safe] in Cuddalore river for want of a sufficient depth of water to get her over the bar, there having been very little rain and no fresh this last monsoon. We are persuaded the gentlemen at Fort St. David will take the first opportunity to get her into the sea; in the meantime she will lye at little or no expence. For what has past between them and us relating to her we refer to our consultations and letters received and sent.

Cons. 1741,
Sept. 28 and
Oct. 6.
Lrs. sent
1741, Nos.
101, 105.

5. The treasure, military and stores landed here from the *Halifax* we sent to Anjengo on the *Ceres* and sloop *Duke of Cumberland*, and we hear are arrived there.

Cons. 1741:
Oct. 5 & 12
Dec. 21 & 31.

6. The 5th October we bought a small sloop of Mr. Hubbard's executors for three hundred (300) pagodas designing to have sent her to the West Coast with the *George*. But the *George* not arriving in time, we brought the sloop into our river and order'd her to be sheathed. But in preparing for that work she took fire, and before it could be extinguished she was so much burnt as to be incapable of any repair.

Letters recd.
1741, Nos.
104, 105, 106,
& 113.

7. The ship *George* in her passage from Ingeram sprung a leak and put into Narsapore road. Mr. Hallyburton got the goods out as fast as he could and got her into that river. She arrived from thence the 9th January and we shall advise your honours in a supplement what we intend to do with her next. She is now very old and crazy and therefore we have some thoughts of writing to Bombay to build such another ship for us as the *Princess Augusta*.

Cons. 1741:
Dec. 23, 29 &
31.
Letters, recd.
1741: Nos.
126 & 128.
Letters recd.
1742: No. 17.

8. The *Admiral Vernon* arrived here the 23d December and we refer to our consultations for the Captain's reason for coming here. He acquainted us that he parted with the *Scarborough* and *Kent* the 11th in about the latitude of Diu Point. Those ships arrived at Vizagapatam the 15th December and proceeded for the Bay the 19th or 20th but they were not got into the river the 8th January. The captains at the request of the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam carried their box packets ashore and they forwarded the private letters by a ship bound hither. But they returned the packets from your honours on board the ships [ag]ain

without opening, and we don't expect to receive them now till the end of March or beginning of April next.

9. The *Wager* arrived here from the Bay the 10th January and we dispatched her the 20th to Fort St. David to be filled up there. The *King William* arrived here the 11th and we are loading her here. Cons. 1742, Jan. 11 & 18.

10. The gentlemen in Bengall in their letter of the 22d December write us that upon a beleif that some of the latter ships might have fallen in here they had come to a resolution to send us petre and bale goods sufficient to load one ship. Whereupon we resolved to take the *Admiral Vernon* under our directions, and order'd Captain Webster to send ashore the packet for the Bay, that we might take out the necessary papers for the more exact receiving ashore her cargo. We promise your Honours to lose no time in dispatching her, and hope to advise in the supplement, that the *Princess Augusta* and the sloops by whom we expect her bale goods from the Bay are arrived. Lrs. recd. 1742: No. 3. Cons. 1742, Jan. 11 & 14.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART [OF] INDIA
TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ANOTHER.

11. After the sale of lead in August [. . .] the Nabob's minister wrote to Coja Petrus for 100 [. . .] upon which the President sent to some of the buy[ers] [. . .] their purchase of that quantity, but Meer Asaad [. . .] afterwards, we order'd it to be brought to account in [. . .] books. However the buyers deliver'd but seventy five [. . .] have sold it since for a better price. Cons. 1741: Nov. 9.

12. As we had left ourselves very [. . .] in expectation of the latter [*sic*] sloop[s], and as those two [sloop[s] which were] consigned to us carried their money on to the Bay [. . .], we order'd the treasure on shore from the *Admiral [Vernon]*, cash being very low, and not being able then to [. . .] might receive for our bills of exchange, we th[ought . . .] than what will be necessary for our occasions, and [. . .] send to the Bay by the return of the sloop[s]. [Cons. 1741] Dec. 31.

13. The 20th January we put up to sale [. . .] copper, culjeed flannels, flower'd cloth, and napped [. . .] the terms mentioned in your 32d paragraph of the [. . .] there were but two bales of the culjeed flannels, [. . .] great price, above fifty per cent more than what [. . .] in the Bay write us they had sold for these five hundred [. . .] candy of lead sold upon an average at fourteen pagodas, thirty two fanams, and fifty cash (14-32-50) per candy in which we beleive we have done right considering the quantity the *Kent* would carry to the Bay, and that we shall have occasion to keep so much the less silver here, which at the price it is at present we compute the exchange at three hundred and sixty seven (367) current rupees for one hundred (100) pagodas. We could have sold some of the cask copper at ninety (90) pagodas the candy of five hundred and twenty (520) pound, but deducting nine (9) per cent, we beleived from our last advices it might produce more in the Bay. Nobody bid any price for the napped or flower'd cloth. Cons. 1742: Jan. 14. Lrs. recd. 1742, No. 3.

14. Not to take up too much of your time here we beg leave to referr to our books of letters sent and received for what has passed between the gentlemen of Bengall and us relating to the coining a larger proportion of the silver into Arcot rupees. Taking it simply, the advantage is very plain; but they are certainly the best judges how far it might affect your interest with the country government and therefore we shall conform to what they desire, which is to coin only one [. . .] of the silver designed them into Madrass and Arcot rupees in equal proportions. Lrs. sent 1742: No. 82. Lrs. recd. 1742 [. . .]

15. Your Honours have in the packet our [. . . indent] for stores, woollen goods and other wares. In our letter [. . .] referred you to what we should say by these ships, in answer to your several paragraphs 31, 32 & 33, [in] your letter of the 3d February 1740 relating to the sale of the broad cloth, but as it is an affair in which our merchants are greatly concerned, we take leave

to deferr it till we come to the next head, under which we shall treat of the state of their accounts, and the ballances due from them. We shall also under the same head speak of the country money, as the debasing of that has already in some parts, and must in the end be generally felt in your investment in all other parts of the country.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

16. We wrote your Honours by the last ship that we had established a new coin here for the currency of the place, and we have abundant reason to be convinced it was a right thing. The country money has been so much debased since that from fifteen it fell upwards of twenty per cent discount, or to speak more properly as the country money grew worse the batta of our new money rose from fifteen to upwards of twenty per cent. However the country money, bad as it was, still passed among the weavers in these parts and we found but little advance in the prices upon what we paid last year, but our merchants were able to get but little cloth in this part of the country, for reasons which we shall mention presently, and that made us the more earnest to get rid of the remains of the old money in the investment at Fort St. David where from what they wrote us at first we had reason to hope it would soon go off with little loss to your Honours. We stated the case very plain to the gentlemen there, but whether from the want of a due attention to what we wrote them or a right comprehension of the matter, they euter'd into a very long debate with us. We will not be sure it opened the eyes of their brokers but it had no good effect. The value of the country money fell surprisingly in so short a time and though they were at last convinced that it was more for your interest to employ the country money in some part of the investment the advantage was not so considerable as at first we had reason to imagine it would have been. However it must be con[sidered] that though several of the countries that way are tributary [to] Arcot, they have an independent jurisdiction, and particularly [a] right of coining money, and where for the most part a sort of gold fanams is the current money, and therefore the different sorts of pagodas which are coined in these parts must pass first through the hands of the shroffs, whose influence is very great in fixing a value upon them, and it is not always in proportion to the intrinsick value. The gentlemen at Fort St. David wrote us that Nanjawanda Chitty would [not take] any money at Salem, for his cloth but our Star pagodas. [He had] good reason for it, for as he farms the mint the [. . .] our money had more fine gold in it than any of the [country] money, so that this last only passed at Chemanaickpollam and the countries about it, but however gradually fell into disrepute there also. About the beginning of December, it was given out that the Nabob intended to call in all the old money, and to suffer none to be coined in any of the country mints under eighty touch. We had just bought some at twenty one and three quarters per cent which we sent immediately to Fort St. David, and they have been paid away in the investment, but though upon the apprehension that they will be called in they are now at a much greater discount. We have not thought it safe to meddle with any more of them, till we see what the Nabob resolves on, especially as the merchants at Fort St. David have at last promised to bring in the cloth 20 (twenty) per cent cheaper for our Star money, than for the country money.

17. From what we have said, it will appear to your Honours that if we had not established this new coin, it is very reasonable to beleive your cloth at Salem would some months ago have cost twenty per cent dearer, and the same would be the case now at Chemanaickpollam and the places adjacent. It is to be wished that when we established this new coin, we had had none of the old money remaining in cash, as in that case what we wanted to send into the country, we could have bought at a considerable discount here, and so long as they took it there without increasing the price of the cloths you would for so long have reaped an advantage by it. However we have taken care that you should suffer as little as possible, and finding we were not likely soon to pay much of it away in our investment in these parts, what we had left in November, being about fifteen

Lrs. sent,
1741: Nos.
95, 104,
107, 113.
Lrs. Recd.
1741: Nos.
101, 107
116.

Cons. 1741:
7th [. . .]

Cons. 1742:
Jan. 18th.

thousand, we coined into Madrass pagodas, and though by that means the batta on these last comes out high, the difference will be made good by the fines we have received from the shroffs. Concerning whom, that we may not trouble your Honours again about them, we beg leave to refer you to our letters by the last ships, wherein we told you that we had agreed to send the Company's shroff and two others who had counterfeited his seal, to the West Coast, and had also endeavoured to seize their effects, but they had taken care to convey them out of our reach, what was then found being of little or no value; they have stood several times in the pillory and we continued our intentions of sending them to the West Coast, but the 18th of January the heads of the Right and Left hand casts appeared before us, and offered to pay two thousand five hundred pagodas for the Company's shroff, and two thousand five hundred for the other two, upon condition we would mitigate their sentence so far as to excuse their being sent to the West Coast, and instead thereof to turn them out of the bounds. Considering the case of the two bazar shroffs and that they had rather intended than done much mischief, and besides, as it is a question whether the money they sealed was really worse than what the shroff had, we thought fit to accept of the offer for them, but we looked upon the crime of the Company's shroff to be of a more heinous nature, and therefore rejected the offer they had made for him, besides that we are not without hopes that we shall discover some of his effects.

18. We wrote your Honours in our letter of the 26th September the difficulties our investment laboured under here, many of which [still] subsist. [. . .] months indeed since the Morattas left us, [but] the Nabob [has] not yet received his patent from Court, and so long [as that] is kept back, it gives his enemies and the partisans of Chunda Sahib a handle to propagate many reports which are very destructive to the peace and quiet of the province. Sometimes it is said that Nizamul Mulk has sent to the Morattas to release Chunda Sahib, and intends to send him with a force this way. Others that the Morattas [have been] making interest with Nizamul Mulk for the [. . .] and that they will send him with an army f[or protecting the] people. Those who are more modest pretend only that [he] made his peace with the Morattas, and that they intend to put him again in possession of Tritchanopoly. These reports propagated with great industry, have a great effect upon the minds of the inhabitants, as they dread nothing more than the march of armies through the country. For this reason it is that the merchants are afraid to bring their goods from the distant countries; among these cotton and cotton yarn are principally wanted in your investment; but our merchants assure us, that particularly at Woolandoore Pettah where there used to be brought and sold to the value of twelve or fifteen thousand pagodas a month in cotton yarn there has not been any brought for some months. All that has been manufactured lately is only what has been spun in this part of the country. This has made them very solicitous with us for leave to send their gomastahs to Salem, but we have before told your Honours why we were against that, and we think by this means the quantity of cloth which the Fort St. David merchants get from Salem is more and cheaper if not better, than it otherwise would be.

19. The fine long cloth by these ships is chiefly from the northward. We know very well the fault your Honours find with it, but we rather chuse to send you that than so little as we should have got in these parts. Our merchants have letters from their gomastahs in the country, wherein they tell them there is so little fine thread there, that the few pieces which are made came out exceeding dear, and to raise the price for so trifling a quantity as they should be able to get might be attended with this bad effect, that it might be difficult to lower the price hereafter. We must defer to the supplement what we have to say of the fine goods providing by Teremungalum Comrapa, and at Chindadree Pettah; but they all complain of the want of proper sortments of thread, and we apprehend will bring in far short of what we bespoke.

20. We have paid an advance of one pagoda per candy for a small parcell of redwood for the reasons mentioned in our consultation of the 28th September. The

Lrs. recd., gentlemen in the Bay write us that five thousand (5,000) maund, will be sufficient
1742, No. 3. for their occasions this year, and we shall send them no more.

Lrs. recd., 21. The Ingeram investment this year we think will please your Honours.
1742, Nos. 10, The cloth appears to us better cured, of a better fabrick and in some instances
16, 17. cheaper than that from the other two settlements; but we hope those will be able
to perform better this season, if the peace of the country is not disturbed by the
Morattas of which there was some apprehensions.

Cons. 1741, 22. Last year we sent your Honours the state of our several merchants' ac-
7 Dec. counts, and in the packet by these ships we send you another state of them as
they stand this year. Not to take up too much of your time, we beg leave to referr
you to what we said then for the rise of the debts and the ballances due from
Tomby Chitty, Ponapa Chitty and Molinga Kistna. Your Honours will observe
upon our consultations that in discharge of those debts they paid in, the 7th De-
cember thirteen thousand (13,000) pagodas in part, but we must beg leave to tell
you how they have been enabled to pay so much. We told your Honours last
year we did not look up [on] the ballances due from Molinga Kistna and Ponapa
[Chitty] as bad debts, and they had certainly to a large [extent] due to them from
the weavers in the country, which though not equal to their debt to your Honours,
yet as they were very positive and sanguine in their hopes that in the new method
of brokerage they should be able to recover the debt from the weavers, and that
the profit on the broadcloth [they] have sold them would have made them am]ends
for the] loss they sustain'd. When we contracted with [. . .] prices, we
beleived they were in a fair [way to pay] their debt to your honours in a short time
[. . .] some disagreement between them and Tomby Chitty, [by] which
means they sold the broadcloth at such low rates that they got little by it. But the
President having represented to them how necessary it was that they should fall
into some better method, which having had its due weight with them, we beleive
we may venture to assure your Honours it has been a great help towards enabling
them to make that payment in December, which might have been larger if they
had had any success in their endeavours to recover the weavers' debts, but
the troubles there last year have so dispersed them, that we are afraid most of them
are irrecoverable. Many of the weavers in this part of the country, with whom
they had trusted money are gone to the southward, and Ponapah Chitty has two
thousand five hundred (2,500) pagodas due to him from those who were before
settled at Salem, and therefore complain with most reason of our having forbid him
to provide any more cloth there, but besides the reasons we have before given for
that, we beleive the chance he has for recovering his debts there to be but very
uncertain. We hoped at first that we should have no further care upon us than to
satisfye them for their loss in the prices of the calicoes during the time they con-
tracted with us at certain rates, and then that we might have been at liberty to
have complied with your inclinations in trying the broadcloth at outcry; but as
they are likely to lose so much in the country, the case is greatly alter'd, and having
said thus much, we beleive it is not necessary to trouble you with more in this place
but referr your Honours to our consultation of the 29th December, where the case
is fully stated, except that in compliance with our promise to the merchants, we
are to request in their behalf that if you think their sufferings deserve compassion,
you will continue to indulge them with the broadcloth till such time as their debts
are cleared. In this we think we ask nothing but what for many reasons is also
for your interest. So many repeated instances of the merchants being ruined in your
service will add much to the aversion of having anything to do with us which is but
too general already. These may be again of good use when they have got over
their present dilemma, and if we should let these sink we know not any others at
present that will undertake the business. We hope the sums they have paid this
year will incline your Honours to beleive that they do not trifle with us, but are
in earnest to discharge their debts as fast as they are able. But we humbly sub-
mit the whole to your consideration, and shall be guided by the directions you are
pleased to give us.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL, AND THEREIN AND
TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

23. We wrote your Honours by the ships in September that the Nabob was in town but he soon complain'd that the three houses we had provided for him were not big enough to hold his family. We were therefore obliged to take several other houses, and to make some alterations in them [for their] better accommodation. The 5th October the Nabob [went] out of town and slept that night at the garden. The next day [he left] for his camp, and having chastised some poligars [who had] been very troublesome to the province, proceeded to Arcot about the beginning of December. It was pretended that Meer Assad was resolved to retire from all business, and had relinquished all his offices. It was hinted [that he] designed to go to Bengall, and to carry on the far [. . .] Nabob, to add to our trouble as well as expence [. . .] three houses might be taken for Meer Assad [. . .] a short time after they came into town. Huj [. . .] appointed Duan, and his brother Jeynad [. . .] The Nabob expressed himself much pleased with this [change] but he was not sincere. It was soon apparent that Meer Assad had still the greatest share in his confidence, and the new Duan and Boxy finding themselves cramped in their power resigned their offices in less than two months. They still attend upon the Nabob in his marches about the country but without any particular employ. The Nabob has not as yet named any others for those offices, but at present signs all orders himself.

24. The 21st January in the afternoon, the Nabob passed by Egmore from the northward in his way to St. Thome, having with him three thousand horse and four thousand foot. At the time we write this it is uncertain whether he will come into town, but by what we can learn he designs in few days for Chingee. In the packet we send an abstract of the expences we have been at upon occasion of his coming in here with his family, in which we have been as frugal as was consistent with decency. Your Honours will beleive the trouble which these guests give us would have inclined us to have excused ourselves from receiving and entertaining of them in our town, if we could have avoided it, but we grudge no trouble, to submit to it with chearfulness where your interest is concern'd. When the Nabob removed his family from Pondicherry last year he gave the French a grant of some villages to compensate for the expence they had been at, and he will doubtless when he removes his family from hence consider the charge we have been put to. As he is so near us, 'tis very possible we shall have more to advise you of relating to him when we come to write the supplement.

25. The *Augusta* that sail'd in February last for China arrived from thence the 20th January, and we beleive will make a tolerable voyage. The *Godolphin*, *Northampton* and *York* were at Canton and would sail about Christmas. The *Duke of Dorset* sail'd the latter end of November. By the *Augusta* we received letters from Manilha, where the Spaniards were in pain for two of their ships at Batavia, and threat'ned in case they were taken by the English to seize upon the Bengall ship, and likewise the effects belonging to this place at Manilha. We sent no ship thither last year but there are large remains of the two former years, and we apprehend there was some Madrass money on board that ship taken by the *Duke of Dorset*. During the last war with Spain the trade was carried on from this place to Manilha without any interruption which was a great advantage to the inhabitants as well as your revenues, and even since the last declaration of war which was publicly proclaim'd last year at Manilha, two ships were there belonging to Calcutta and this place with English supracargoes and officers on board, and yet no hinderance was given to their affairs but were treated with great civility, but in the present state of things we apprehend the French will have that trade en[tirely] to themselves. If we should give your Honour our sentiments upon your Captains bringing out letters of mark, we might be suspected of being biassed by our private interest and therefore we rather chuse to referr [your] Honours to the 26th paragraph of the letter from [. . .] dated the 4th September 1711, and the answer thereto the 2d February 1712, paragraph 30. .

26. Our last advices from Pegue are dated the 3d January, when that country remain'd in great trouble and confusion. It was said the Burmars [were] marching down with a great army against the [Peguers] and were within a few days' march of [Syrian] [. . .] if true and a battle ensued, we shall very un [. . .] issue of it before the *Admiral Vernon* sails, [. . .] the Resident being expected over here every day.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

Lrs. read.
1741 : Nos. 96,
101. Do. 1742
No. 9.
Lrs. sent
1741,
No. 95.
Lrs. read.
1741 : No.
108.
Lrs. read.,
1741 : Nos.
107 & 113,
Lrs. sent,
1741 : Nos.
108, 114 &
116.

27. We beg leave to referr to our letters and consultations relating to the repairing and enlarging the ditch round the Fort at Fort St. David. The alteration which they made in the first design will be an addition to the expence, but as they had proceeded so far in it, we thought it necessary to consent to their compleating of it and when finished, it will be a great security to the Fort.

28. They have let out the Arrack farm and Measuring duty upon the old terms, and being offer'd twelve hundred (1,200) pagodas for the Beetle and Tobacco farm there which was the old rent and afterwards fifteen hundred (1,500) pagodas, and as the taking off that duty about eight years since did not answer the end proposed by it, and the inhabitants had not their beetle and tobacco much the cheaper for it, we gave the Deputy Governour and Council our consent to the reestablishing that farm. But previous to that as we remember'd the design in abolishing that duty eight years ago, we referred them to the petition of the inhabitants which they deliver'd to President Pitt when he was down there, and the letters which passed about that time relating to the encouragement of weavers to settle in their bounds; and as none of the Regulations then made had answered that purpose, we desired they would inform themselves whether it proceeded from any discouragements still subsisting or the want of any further encouragement, but they did not seem to take it kind of us, and therefore we resolved to put no more questions to them about it especially as we beleived we were able ourselves to give your honours satisfaction in that particular. The truth is, the late Deputy Governour either wrote us or told us when he was up here, that several of the inhabitants who had signed the subscription for raising two thousand pagodas were but little able to pay the sums they had signed for, and he was unwilling to press them for the money, till there was some probability that the laying of it out would answer the end proposed. The French had advanced upwards of thirty thousand pagodas to get weavers into their town of which twelve thousand are sunk, and we have an example nearer home, namely at Chindadree Pettah where the undertakers have been at a considerable expence more than they are likely to be reimbursed. The truth is that the generallity of the weavers are a poor wretched sort of people that work only from hand to mouth, and are only to be kept in order by their heads who in the country have so full a power over them, that if words wont do, they make use of blows to keep them to their work. They are all indebted to their heads, some more, some less and so long as they are so they are treated as slaves. The Government knowing the nature of them, never interfere but leave them under the absolute controul of their heads, which is a power we suppose would by some be found fault with in our government.

Lrs. read.
1741 : No.
125.

29. The buildings at Vizagapatam are a good deal out of repair. When we see an estimate of the expence we shall give the needfull directions [. . .]. We doubt not the present Chief will take care they [are] put in a proper repair, which seems to have been entirely neglected by his predecessor. We referr to their letter of the 14th December for an answer to your Honours' 49th para of the 3d February last, and submit to your consideration their request for an allowance for the expence they [incur] in entertaining strangers.

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Oct. 19.

30. The 19th October we signed [the cowle] to Linga Chitty and Berry Timapah for the [farm . . .] Trivitore &ca. five villages on the same terms [as they were] last let, and we hope these men will [take better care] of them then the last farmers.

Cons. 1741 :
Oct. 19.
Nov. 2.

31. Upon our consultation of the 19th October is a petition of the Ruby broker, complaining of the decrease of that duty from there having been no

importation of rubies from Pegue since the troubles there, and also from the decay of the jewelling trade since the troubles in these parts; your Honours will see in our consultation of the 2d November how we settled this affair with him and we think we could not have done it upon better terms, because there is no clause in his cowle which obliged him to keep it longer at the old rate.

32. The 19th October also we received a petition from our two shroffs. The 29th December we allowed them (120) one hundred and twenty pagodas for the trouble and expence they had been at from April and in consideration of their giving five thousand (5,000) pagodas security and the reasons mentioned in our consultation, we have allowed them a monthly salary of twenty pagodas each and upon the representation of the Assay Master have appointed another person in the nature of a surveyor [at . . .] two pagodas a month. His salary as well as the shroffs we have directed to be charged in the mint accounts, as we beleive the increase of that revenue from the coinage of our new money will be able to afford it.

33. Upon our consultation of the 21st December is the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the complaints of the cooleys to which we referr for the state of that matter and the additional but reasonable allowance we have made them for their labour.

34. For the reasons mentioned the 26th October, we have excused a house belonging to Herauset Cawn and another belonging to Assan Meah from paying quit rent and Scavenger's duty.

35. Though we have had no great quantity of rain this monsoon, the weather has been very unsettled, which has prevented our making any great progress in our buildings since our last except that we have compleated the foundations of the remainder of the wall, and the other bastion the east side of the Black Town.

36. We wrote your Honours in our last that we had began to rebuild Queen's Point, but we have not yet been able to go on with it, nor have we began with any thing else that is new. Some conveniencies are absolutely necessary at the gates and guards in the Black Town, for want of which both the officers and soldiers began to be very sickly during the four months they were upon constant duty the beginning of the year.

37. Your Honours will observe a considerable increase in the expence of this place and Fort St. David. We have before represented the necessity of it and though we wish it was less, we have yet the satisfaction to observe to your Honours that our ordinary and extraordinary expences at this place including also all repairs, but exclusive of our new buildings, come within the compass of the year's revenues; and we flatter ourselves your Honours will not think we have gone too far in putting you to this expence at a time that we beleived it necessary for securing so valuable an income. We hope our next advices from your Honours w[. . .] us. We have no reason to apprehend [any] moles[tation] by any European enemy, and we have [. . .] to beleive this province will be restored to [. . .] tranquility in a few months more and the[n] lose no time in reducing our garrison cha[r]ges to what you have prescribed in peaceable times. [We] however take leave to mention to your Honour [that the] few Europeans we have in garrison which [bears so] small a proportion to the black soldiers [that we] are ashamed to turn out our Guards at [times] when the great men of the country come [hither which] gives them a very mean opinion of our strength. Add besides that the black soldiers are such poor creatures that we are afraid they are little to be depended on in case of action, and as there is not a great deal of difference between their pay and an European, we submit it to your consideration whether it might not be proper to have the most part of our standing garrison Europeans. Considering how far we are from home, we are sure it would add much to our strength, for if any troubles should induce us to think it necessary to list any blacks as soldiers it would add much to their spirits to have a few more Europeans mixed with them than we are able to furnish at present. Now we are upon this subject, we must beg the favour you will be

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pleased to give particular orders that the recruits sent us may be good men. It is not uncommon to have them out of Newgate as several have confessed; however those we can keep pretty well in order, but of late we have had some out of Bedlam and this year we have received some blacks, which if they were designed only for our defence, certainly your Honours have not any occasion to be at the expence of sending hither.

38. There is a small increase in our sea customs this year. The importation of the Patan goods in March and April last was very considerable and made up for the loss by several other branches of our trade. The interruption which our trade up the country suffered during the Moratta troubles was very great, and the confused state of Pegue has hinder'd our receiving any goods from thence. As we exported no goods last year either to Pegu or Manilha, the deficiency in the land customs is easily accounted for.

SIXTHLY, TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

Cons. 1741:
Sept., 28,
Oct. 8.

39. Agreeable to what we wrote your Honours by the last ships, the 28th September we agreed to fill up the four vacancies in Council with Messrs. John Stratton, Thomas Eyre, Edward Harris and William Johnson. Mr. Stratton is Chief of Vizagapatam, Mr. Eyre Land Customer here, Mr. Harris Storekeeper and Mr. Johnson Rental-General and Scavenger, Mr. Morse Export and Import Warehousekeeper, and Mr. Monson Paymaster. We appointed Mr. John Graham and Mr. William Holt to fill up the vacancies in the Council at Fort St. David. Mr. Charles Boddam is appointed writer at the Sea Gate in the room of Mr. Johnson. Mr. Charles Savage Norris and Mr. Charles Bouchier arrived here from Vizagapatam the 30th December, and are at present set to work in the Secretary's office.

Cons. 1741:
Dec. 31.

Do.
Dec. 29.

40. We advised your Honour by the September ships that we had entertain'd four [mon]thly assistants, but Mr. William Burton one of them [being] under another engagement desired to be excused. The [. . .] two [. . .] servants in the Accountant's office having [. . .] the 29th December, we entertain'd, Mr. Noah [Casamajor] not only to assist there as being a very good [accountant] but also understanding the French and Dutch lang[uages] to assist the President in his correspondence with [those] nations. We don't willingly put your Honours [to any] extraordinary expence in entertaining monthly assistants, but it is impossible to do without them to [. . .] gentlemen we have lately received are more [. . .] going through our writing business in [. . .] which we hope they will be in time by car [. . .] application.

Cons. 1742;
Feb. 1.

Cons. 1741;
Oct. 12.

Lrs. recd.
1742; No. 7

Cons. 1741;
Oct. 19 & 26,

Dec. 14.

Lrs. sent
1741

No. 107.

Lrs. recd.
1741:

No. 122.

Cons. 1741;
Nov. 23.

41. Mr. John Dawson who has been many years Gunner's mate here, takes his passage on one of these ships. In his room we have kept here by the consent of the gentlemen at Bombay Mr. John Waters, a very understanding man in his business.

42. We sent to Fort St. David copy of your Honours Regulations relating to the Military, and new commissions to the Lieutenants there, concerning which we refer to our letters sent and received.

43. One of the state horses being old and lame, we sold it off and have bought another in its stead.

44. The 21st December Mr. Cornelius Goodwin was sworn in Mayor, and Mr. Matthew Empson Sheriff for the ensuing year.

Cons. 1741.
Sept. 28, Oct.
3 & 12.

45. There having been a practice for some time subsisting [upon] sorting the Northern cloth here, to turn upon the Chief's hands such of it as is thought too bad to send home has given rise to a debt from Mr. John Graham, Resident at Ingeram, amounting to two thousand five hundred and ninety five pagodas, three fanams, and sixty five cash, (2,595-3-65). We refer to our consultations for the particular state of this case, and all circumstances considered, we hope your Honours will approve of our proceedings therein.

46. Inclosed in the packet is Mr. Borlace Stacey's account, the ballance being forty six pagodas, eight fanams, and thirty five cash (46-8-35), we have transferred to account current, London, that it may be paid to the legal claimants in England. Cons. 1741, Jan [...].

47. One of our surgeons, Mr. Robert Douglas takes his passage to England on the *Wager* having behaved very much to our satisfaction during his stay here. We shall call Mr. Andrew Munro up hither to supply his vacancy, and send Mr. William Belches to Fort St. David. But having sent Mr. Turing who was one of the Surgeon's mates here to be Surgeon at Vizagapatam, and Mr. William Douglas the other mate here designing to quit his employ, as did Mr. Macknight at Fort St. David in August last, we shall not have one Mate either here or at Fort St. David and our seasons are sometimes so sickly that great attendance is required in the hospital as well as among the inhabitants. We shall if it be possible get some assistance out of the next year's shipping, but the pay and allowances are very small, and it was perhaps only the hopes of succeeding on a vacancy which induced Mr. William Douglas and Mr. Macknight to act as mates so long as they have done, and we are therefore to desire your Honours care and consideration of us in this respect. Lrs. from England: dated Feb. 6, 1740.

48. Your President takes this opportunity to return your Honours his most humble thanks for the opinion you are pleased to [entertain] of his conduct in the dispute between his dubash and Mr. Sanderson and promises to place no further trust or confidence in any of the blacks than is absolutely necessary. Lrs. from Eng., Feb. 6, 1740, para. 58.

49. Mr. Richard Starke Fa[ctor . . .] of your servants become of age this year has exe[. . .] covenants in the manner you are pleased to order [. . .] for his securities in England Messrs. Charles [Benyon and] John Starke. Cons. 1742, Feb. 1.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNT.

50. Under this head we have [. . .] desire your Honours to be referred [. . .] for the bills we now draw on you, [. . .] we have granted and on what account [. . .].

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

51. The *George* not being big enough to carry half the things which are wanted at the West Coast and being besides in no very good condition to undertake a long voyage, we expect the *Princess Augusta* from the Bay with great impatience designing to send her as soon as she arrives, and if we can get her away in all this month as she is a good sailer we hope she will get thither as soon as the *George* could if we had sent her away now.

52. The gentlemen at Bombay write us they hope the two Surat boats, we desired them to build for us, will be ready to come round with the ships in April next, and we shall send them to the West Coast as soon after they arrive as the season will permit. Lrs. recd. 1742, No. 7.

53. Messrs. Morse and Monson the 21st December deliver'd in their report of the West Coast affairs, and by the *Princess Augusta* we shall give the Deputy Governour and Council the needfull directions. Cons. 1741, Dec. 21.

NINTHLY, TOUCHING THE CHARTER.

54. In the packet we sent copy of the proceedings in a suit commenced in the Mayor's Court by one Errapilla Pariah against Mr. John Sanderson, which was sometime this year brought before us by appeal. There has we think been some very great errors in the proceedings in the Mayor's Court which the gentlemen of the law will point out to your Honours better than we can. The plaintiff complains much and with reason if his case be as he represents it to be but in the dress it is come up to us, We see not how we can releive him, and therefore have deferr'd the further consideration of it till your Honours shall please to send us the opinion of [Council] whether it can be brought to an issue here and to direct us in our proceedings for that purpose.

Cons. 1741,
Oct. 29.

55. Your Honours will see upon our consultation of the 29th October in what manner we have appointed Messrs. Eyre and Harris to act as Justices of the Peace. We hope the words of the charter (concerning which we desire your opinion) may bear us out in swearing them in to act as Justices &c. in the same manner as the other gentlemen. But if otherwise we hope their acting so far as they are already empowered will not be disapproved, as in that case the service will fall very heavy upon the rest of us.

TENTHLY, CONCERNING THE FRENCH.

56. Monsr. Dumas, the late Governour of Pondicherry, went for France in October last, and the beginning of last month Monsr. Dupleix arrived at Pondicherry. He has sent a present to the Nabob, but it did not reach him before he came in here. The French vakeels have been with him in town, and he has order'd [them to wait at] St. Thome till he comes thither. We dont[know what the] present consists of, but it is the loading [. . .].

Lrs. recd.
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57. In the packet is a [list of ships] arrived at and sail'd from Pondicherry [. . .] from the gentlemen at Fort St. David, but they [. . .] about the ship to China for the French but [. . .] last year.

58. Your Honours will have a more [fuller] account from Tellicherry of the proceedings of Laboudinier's squadron than what we can give [. . .] from hence.

SUPPLEMENT.

59. We have in a former [para . . .] told your Honours we designed the *Princess* [*Augusta*] the West Coast, and therefore upon that account as well as another which we shall mention presently, we expect her with impatience. The *George* is about sailing to Fort St. David to bring up what bales the *Wager* does not take in after which we propose to send to the Bay and to desire she may be surveyed there; and in case she be found so bad as not to be worth repairing shall request she may be sold there.

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60. Captain James Sanders of the *King William* died here the 24th January and therefore we have directed the dispatches to the Chief mate, Mr. Joseph Phillips.

61. Under the fourth head, we advised of the Nabob's being at St. Thome. He came into town the 25th of January and returned the 28th. By what we can learn, his uneasiness is a good deal wore off with respect to the Morattas and Nizamul Mulk, but he has much to do yet to settle the domestick concerns of the province. Whether upon that account as is pretended, or any other reason, we beleive his family will remain some time longer in this town.

62. The Metchlepatam chay goods by the [*King William*] are in some particulars dearer than what went last year, but we think these excel much in the quality, and we doubt not will answer better in proportion at the sale.

63. Your Honours have some very good fine long cloth by the same ship. It was designed as superfine but not answering to muster, we took it in at an abatement.

64. By comparing the ballance of Tomby Chitty's, Molinga Kistna's and Bonapa Chitty's accounts this year with the ballance of those sent home last, we find the decrease is not altogether so much as the sum they paid in December last, but their accounts are drawn up with more exactness than we beleive the last were, and the difference proceeds from [the] quantity of cloth supposed to be in the hands of the washers and [beaters] last year. We suspect these two sets of people have been somewhat unfaithfull; but we have not time now to examine thoroughly [into] it. After these ships are sail'd we shall do our best to get the merchants' satisfaction.

65. We told your Honours under the second head, that we could have sold some of the *Admiral Vernon's* copper at ninety pagodas the candy of five hundred and twenty pound, deducting nine per cent for prompt payment. There is at present an uncommon demand for it in the Bay, which induces us to think this

parcel by the *Admiral Vernon* may sell for more there than here. The Dutch have been used to supply this whole Coast with Japan copper, but this last year they have brought but little; and as it is probable it produces from some impediment which may not soon be removed, we have indented for fifty tons for sale here, we shall know what is likely to fetch in the Bay and shall send it thither if we think it will be more for your interest.

66. The *Admiral Vernon* has all her saltpetre in, and has been ready to take in bales these four or five days, which adds to our impatience for the *Princess Augusta*. With what bales we expect by her, and what we expect from Fort St. David, and what more we shall be able to make up here in few days, we think we may compleat the *Admiral Vernon's* tonnage with [. . .] for the sloops, if they should [. . .] [*Princess*] *Augusta*.

67. In the packet is the [indent] for the mint, it is larger than usual but beleive [. . .] will increase there. Cons. 1742; Feb. 1.

68. We are obliged to acquaint [. . .] that as we were delivering out [. . .]. Lead there appears to have been [. . .] lower half of the slabs being coms [. . .] stuff of which that your Honours may [. . .] send in a box by the *King William* [. . .] quantity of this short. We beleive will be [. . .] slabs, though we have not had time to [. . .] cannot therefore as yet be certain known [. . .] found out but now as it was weighing, [. . .] your Honours shall be fully informed of what [. . .] is.

69. The amount of the *King William's* Madrass invoice is sixty seven thousand four hundred and one pagodas, sixteen fanams and twenty eight cash (67,401-16-28). The register of diamonds and precious stones licenced by her amounts to thirty eight thousand nine hundred twenty one pagodas, twelve fanams and thirty one cash (38,921-12-31). Captain Phillips delivering in no manifest of private trade here, in that ship's packet is Captain Sanders's manifest in Bengal as we received it from thence.

70. The register of diamonds by the *Wager* amounts to twenty seven thousand four pagodas, six fanams and sixteen cash. For the amount of her invoice, Captain Raymond's manifest of private trade and other papers respecting that ship's dispatch, we must referr to the gentlemen at Fort St. David.

71. The ballance of your Honours cash remaining here this day is one hundred eighteen thousand, three hundred eighty seven Star or current pagodas, twenty fanams, and fifty two cash (1,18,387-20-52) and thirteen thousand one hundred eighty two (13,182) Madrass pagodas.

We are, Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—

THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

POSTSCRIPT.

The bills of exchange we now draw on your Honours payable at thirty days' sight and the certificates we have granted are as follow:—

Bills of exchange in return for coral at 7s. 8d. per pagoda—

1742.		Pags. fns. c.	£ s. d.
	1 To Abraham Osor. or order for	87 28 16	33 13 0
	1 To the Rt. Hon'ble Anthony Lopez Suasso, Baron Dr. Avernes & Company, assigned to Mr. Anthony De Costa or their order ...	195 4 40	74 15 11
18th Jan.	1 To Natal Levi Sonsino or order	280 5 30	107 7 9
	1 To do.	337 9 10	129 5 7
	1 To Judah Supino and Son [or] order	1,549 13 40	593 17 11
	5 sets, value of Richard Benyon Esqr.		

1742			Pags.	fns.	c.	£.	s.	d.
25th January.	1	To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order...	277	30	18	106	10	1
	1	To do. ...	210	7	76	80	17	8
	2	sets value of Rawson Hart and John Hammond.						
	1	To Joseph Dias and Abraham Fernandes Nunes or order, value of Nicolas Morse and Rawson Hart ...	174	32	3	67	0	10
	1	To Judah Supino and Son or order ...	1,023	31	0	392	9	7
	1	To do. ...	1,214	9	0	465	9	[0]
	1	To do. ...	814	17	0	312	[0]	[0]
	1	To do. ...	1,647	0	40	[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
26th January.	1	To Isaac Salvador or order ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To Francis Salvador or order.	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
30th January.	1	To Alvaro Lopez Suasso or order ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To Lewis Mendes or order ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To Jacob Dias or order ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To James Porten or order ...	[...]			[...]		
	19	sets value of Richard Benyon Esqr.						
	1	To John Anthony and Henry Loubier or order ...	[...]			[...]		
		Value of Richard Benyon Esqr. ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To Judah Supino and Son or order ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To do. ...	[...]			[...]		
1st February.	2	sets value of Nicholas Morse.						
	1	To Jacob and Abraham Fernandes Nunes or order, value of Nicolas Morse and Rawson Hart ...	[...]			[...]		
	1	To Judah Sapino and Son or order, value of Abraham and Solomon Salomons ...						
	1	To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order value of Abraham and Solomon Salomons ...	[...]			[...]		
33		sets amounting to pagodas.						

Dated
1741-2.

For Company's servants &c., at 7s. 8d. per Pagoda—

18th January.	1	To Robert Douglas or order value of himself...	14,000	0	0	5,366	13	4
	1	To William Wynch or order value of the Revd. Mr. Robert Wynch ...	260	31	24	100	0	0
25th do.	1	To Mary Stratton or order value of John Stratton ...	156	18	62	60	0	0

Dated			Pags. fns. c.	£	s.	d.
1741-42.						
26th January.	1	To William Percival or order of himself ...	521 26 48	200	0	0
	1	To Thomas Stiles or order, value of Captain William Henry Southby ...	156 18 62	60	0	0
	1	To John Batman or order on account of Theophila, daughter of Robert Symonds, value of Cornelius Goodwin ...	114 18 56	43	18	0
30th do.	1	To Edward Fowke or order value of John Savage ...	800 0 0	306	13	4
	7	sets amounting Pagodas ...	16,010 6 12	6,137	4	8
For free merchants &ca. at 7s. 4d. per Pagoda—						
	1.	To Nathaniel Elwicke Esqr. or order for ...	9,590 19 60	3,516	10	8
	1.	To George Morton Pitt Esqr. or order ...	1,686 26 20	618	9	4
	[. . .]	, value of Richard Benyon Esqr. ...				
	[. . .]	Drake Esqr. or in his absence				
	[. . .]	to [. . .] niel Elwicke & George Morton Pitt Esqrs. ...				
	[. . .]	either of their order ...	7,000 0 0	2,566	13	4
	[. . .]	arke Esqr. or order ...	61 15 0	242	10	5
	[. . .]	Richard Benyon Esqr. or order, value of ...	97 35 60	35	18	8
	[. . .]	Franks or their order ...				
	[. . .]	Nicolas Morse and Johnson Hart ...	5,581 2 74	2,046	7	11
	[. . .]	or order value of Richard ...	546 3 79	200	4	10
	[. . .]	ing or order value of Nicolas Morse	53 35 33	19	15	10
		Aspenwall or order value of ...				
	[Eliza]beth Simpson ...		54 19 50	20	0	0
	[. . .]	Craddock or order value of Richard Benyon Esqr. ...	579 0 0	212	6	0
	[. . .]	Free Merchants at 7s. 4d. ...	25,851 14 56	9,478	17	0
	[. . .]	Comp]any's servants at 7s. 8d. ...	16,010 6 12	6,137	4	8
	[. . .]	Cor]al at 7s. 8d. ...	36,199 19 14	13,876	8	11
	[. . .]	amounting to ...	78,061 4 2	29,492	10	7
	[. . .]	Twenty]nine thousand four hundred ninety two pounds, ten shillings, seven pence sterling, or seventy eight thousand sixty one pagodas, [four] fanams, and two cash, which sum we have received into your cash here.				

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Certificates.

Pags. fns. c.

1st Jan. 25th Jan. 1st February.	1 set.	For five hundred twenty one pagodas, twenty six fanams, and forty eight cash, received here of the executors to the estate of Charles Simpson deceased on account of the said Estate ...	521 26 48
	1	For one hundred pagodas received of Mathew Empson on account of Capt. Robert Holmes of the <i>Somerset</i> , his adventure outward bound and the produce thereof ...	100 0 0
	1	For one thousand pagodas received of Josiah Hindman, on account of Captain Charles Raymond of the <i>Wager</i> , his adventure outward bound and the produce thereof ...	1,000 0 0
	1	For three thousand, eight hundred fifty eight pagodas, nineteen fanams and twenty five cash receiv'd of Capt. Joseph Phillips on account of the estate of Capt. James Sanders, late of the <i>King William</i> deceas'd (four) sets amounting to ...	3,858 19 23
			5,480 9 73

Five thousand four hundred eighty pagodas nine fanams, and seventy three cash paid in here upon oath to

Honourable . . . ,
Your [. . .],

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.
Fort St. George,
4th February 1741-42.

REGISTER OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

Drawn by the President and Council of Fort St. George, on the Honourable the Court of Directors for affairs of the Honourable the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, payable at ninety days' sight and seven shilling and eight pence per pagoda in return for coral &ca. licenced out by the said Court of Directors, per *King William & Wager*:—

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Thirty three pounds, thirteen shillings sterling, payable to Abraham Osorio or order, for eighty seven pagodas, twenty eight fanams, and sixteen cash	33	13	0	87	28	16
Seventy four pounds, fifteen shillings and eleven pence sterling, payable to the Right Hon'ble Antony De Costa or order for one hundred ninety five pagodas, four fanams and forty cash	74	15	11	195	4	40
In full returns for the remains of two boxes of coral beads, imported anno 1737 per <i>New Castle and Duke of Dorset</i> . [. . .] hundred and seven pounds, seven shillings and nine pence [. . .] to Natal Levi Sonsino or order for two [hundred and eighty] pagodas, five fanams, and thirty cash. [In full returns] for the remains of one box of coral beads imported anno 1737 per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> . [. . .] hundred twenty nine pounds, five shillings and seven pence [sterl]ing, payable to Natal Levi Sonsino or order for three hundred thirty seven pagodas, nine fanams, and ten cash	[107	7	9]	280	5	30
In full returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1738, per <i>Beaufort</i> . Five hundred ninety three pounds, seventeen shillings and eleven pence sterling payable to Judah Supino and Son or order, fifteen hundred and forty nine pagodas, ten fanams and forty cash	[129	5	7]	337	9	10
In full returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1739 per <i>Grantham</i> . [. . .] sets, dated 18th January 1741-42, value of Richard Benyon Esqr. [One hundred] and six pounds, ten shillings and a penny sterling, to Abraham and Jacob Franco or order for two hundred seventy seven pagodas, thirty fanams, and eighteen cash	593	17	11	1,549	10	10
In full returns for the remains of one chest of coral beads imported anno 1736, per <i>Haeslingfield</i> . Eighty pounds, eleven shillings and [eight pence] payable to Abraham and Jacob [. . .] and ten pagodas, seven fanams [. . .] In full returns for the [. . .] imported [. . .] Two sets dated 25th [. . .] Hart and [. . .] Sixty seven pounds and ten [. . .] Dias and Abraham [. . .] and seventy four pagodas [. . .] In full returns for [. . .] One set dated 25th [. . .] Morse and [. . .] Three hundred ninety two [pounds nine shillings and seven] pence sterling payable to [. . .] for one thousand and twenty three [. . .]	[106	10	1]	277	30	18
	[80	11	8]	...		
	67	0	10	...		
	392	9	7	1,023	0	0

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fms.	c.
In full returns for the remains [. . .] imported [. . .] and <i>Halifax</i> .						
Four hundred sixty five pounds [nine shillings and three pence] sterling, payable to Judah Supino and Son [. . .] hundred and fourteen pagodas, nine fanams [. . .] ...	465	9	3	[...]		
In full returns for the remains of a box of [. . .] imported anno 1737 per [. . .]						
Three hundred and twelve pounds, four shillings [and three pence] sterling, payable to Judah Supino and Son or order [. . .] hundred and fourteen pagodas [. . .] teen fanams	312	4	3	[...]		
In further part returned for one box of coral beads imported anno 1737 per <i>Nottingham</i> .						
Six hundred and thirty one pounds, seven shillings and [. . .] sterling payable to Judah Supino and Son or order for sixteen [. . .] hundred and forty seven pagodas, forty cash ...	631	7	1	[...]		
In full returns for a box of coral beads imported anno 1740, per <i>Heathcote</i> .						
Two hundred and thirty pounds, eleven shillings and [two] pence sterling, payable to Judah Supino and Son or order for six hundred and one pagodas, sixteen fanams and ...	230	11	2	601	16	[ |
In full returns for the remains of a box of [coral] beads, imported anno [. . .] <i>Grantham</i> .						
One hundred fifty six pounds, nineteen shillings and five pence sterling, payable to Judah Supino and Son or order for four hundred and nine pagodas [. . .] fanams and sixty two cash ...	156	19	5	409	[]	62
In part returns for one box of coral [beads] imported anno 1740 per [. . .]						
[. . .] pounds, thirteen shillings and a penny [. . .] Salvadore or order for [two thousand two hundred ninety] nine pagodas, thirty five fanams for two boxes of coral beads imported anno 1738 ...	[]	13	1	2,299	35	0
[. . .] sterling [. . .] order of thirteen hundred [thirty pags. fourteen fanams] and forty cash—[. . .] ...	[...]			1,330	20	40
[. . .] Coral beads and [. . .] import [. . .]						
[. . .] <i>New Castle</i> —[. . .] sixteen shillings and [. . .] Isaac Salvadore or order [. . .] fifty two pagodas, twenty [two fanams and fifty] cash— ...				2,952	22	50
[. . .] of three boxes of coral beads imported anno, 1737 per <i>New Castle</i> and <i>Nottingham</i> [. . .]						
[. . .] eighty three pounds, eleven shillings [. . .] sterling payable to Isaac Salvadore or order, [one] thousand pagodas, twenty two fanams, and thirty cash ...	[...]			1,000	22	30
In full returns for three boxes of coral beads imported anno 1740 per [Wilm] ington [. . .] fifty two pounds, nineteen shillings [. . .] sterling, payable to Isaac Salvadore or order [three] hundred ninety nine pagodas, four fanams ...	[...]			399	4	0
In full returns for the remains of two boxes of coral beads imported anno [173]6 per <i>Shaftsbury</i> .						

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
[. . .] hundred and twenty pounds, six shillings sterling, payable to Francis Salvadore or order for two thousand one hundred and thirty nine pagodas, thirty three fanams ...	[...]			2,139	33	0
In full return for two boxes of coral beads imported anno 1736, per <i>Halifax</i> and <i>Prince [William]</i> ...						
[. . .] and sixty one pounds, four shillings and nine [. . .] sterling, payable to Francis Salvadore or order for [nine hundred] forty two pagodas, thirteen fanams, and fifteen cash—	[...]			942	13	15
[In full] returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1739 per <i>Normington</i> [Normanton] ...						
Two hundred and eighteen pounds [eleven shillings and seven] pence sterling payable to Francis [. . .] five hundred and seventy pagodas [. . .] ...	218	11	7	[570]		
In part returns for [. . .] imported an[no . . .] ...						
Seven hundred and seventy six [pounds one shilling] seven pence, sterling payable [. . .] order for two thousand and two [. . .] ...	776	1	7	[2,002]		
In full returns for [. . .] beads [. . .] <i>Nottingham</i> ...						
Three hundred twenty [one pounds, eight shillings and] nine pence sterling, pay[able . . .] for eight hundred thirty [. . .] and twenty cash [. . .] ...	321	8	9	[830]		
In full returns for the [. . .] beads per <i>Beaufort</i> . Two hundred sixty [five pounds, five shillings and five] pence sterling, payable to [. . .] hundred ninety two pagodas and forty cash ...	265	5	5	[... ...]		
In part returns for one box of coral beads, imported anno 1740, per <i>Cæsar</i> ...						
Six hundred twenty five pounds, five shillings, [and nine] pence sterling payable to [. . .] or order for six [. . .] hundred thirty one pagodas, six fanams and fifty cash ...	625	5	9	[... ...]		
In full returns for the remains of one box of [coral] beads imported anno 1739 per [. . .] of <i>Lorrain</i> ...						
Six hundred thirty nine pounds twelve shillings and [five] pence sterling, payable to James Porten Esqr., or order for six [. . .] hundred sixty eight pagodas twenty one fanams ...	639	12	5	[1,668 21 0]		
In full returns for the remains of one box of coral beads imported anno 1737 per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> ...	[...]			[...]		
Nineteen sets dated 26th January 1741-[2 value] of Richard Benyon Esqr. ...						
Fourteen hundred and forty seven pounds [seven shillings] and seven pence sterling, payable to John [. . .] Henry Loubier or order for three thousand [. . .] and seventy five pagodas, twenty eight fa[nams] ...	1,447	7	7	[... ...]		
In further part returns for three boxes of [. . .] two chests of rough coral [. . .] anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> and <i>Wager</i> .						
One set dated 30th January 1741-2, value of Ri-[chard] Benyon Esqr.						
[. . .] shillings and three pence sterling [. . .] Son or order for two hundred [sixty pagodas and twenty], fanams ...	[...]			260	20	0
[. . .] chest of rough coral [. . .] 1736 per <i>Haeslingfield</i> [. . .] eight shillings and six [pence . . .] Supino and Son or order [six hundred eighty four] pagodas twenty one fanams [and six cash] ...	[...]			684	21	6

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
[. . .] of coral beads [. . .] per <i>Beaufort</i> .						
[. . .] ary 1741-2, value of [. . .]						
[. . .] ings and three pence sterling, [. . .]						
ndes Nunes or order for [seven hundred eighty three] pagodas, fifteen fanams and [thirty seven cash]						
[. . .] of coral beads [. . .] per <i>Caesar</i>						
[. . .] 1741-2 value of						
[. . .] hty seven pounds [. . .] shillings and two pence sterling, payable to Judah Supino and Son or order [one thousand two] hundred and seventy pagodas, twenty six fanams [and six cash]						
[In full r]eturns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1740, per <i>Caesar</i> .						
One set, dated 3th January 1741-2, value of Abraham and Solomon Salomons.						
[. . .] hundred and eight pounds seventeen shillings and [. . .] pence sterling, payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco [. . .] for two thousand one hundred and ten pagodas [three] fanams						
In full returns for the remains of one chest of coral beads imported anno 1740, per <i>Wilmington</i> .						
One set dated 1st February 1741-2, value of Abraham and Solomon Salomons.						
[. . .] sets						
				Pags. ...	36,199	19 14

Fort St. George,
4th February, 1741-2.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

REGISTER OF DIAMONDS, PRECIOUS STONES, &CA.

Licenced by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on the *King William*, Captain Joseph Phillips, by the following persons, in return for coral and other accounts :—

	Pags.	fn
By Abraham and Solomon Salomons, consign'd to Phineas Serra or order:—		
One bulse of diamonds, value four hundred and sixty seven pagodas, twelve fanams and seventy two cash (£179-3-1)	467	12 72
In full returns for the remains of a chest of coral beads imported anno 1740, <i>Wilmington</i> .		
By Michael Gregorio consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco or order:—		
One bulse of diamonds, value sixteen hundred and twenty pagodas eighteen fanams (£621-3-10)	1,620	18 0
In further part returns for two boxes of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>King William</i> .		
By Richard Benyon Esqr., consigned to Isaac Salvadore or order:—		
One bulse of diamonds, value three thousand four hundred and two pagodas twenty nine fanams and twenty cash	[3,402	29 20]
Of which [£222:] 10: 6 or Pags. 606-21-20 is in further [. . .] for three boxes of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> —		
£1,071: 17: 8 or Pags. 2,796-8-0 is in par[t returns . . .] of coral beads imported anno [. . .] per <i>Caesar</i> .		
By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to Francis Salvadore or order:—		
One bulse of diamonds, value two thousand four hundred and eighteen pagodas £926: 18	[2,418	0 0]
In further part returns for two boxes of coral beads, imported anno 1736 per <i>Prince William</i> and <i>Halifax</i> .		
By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to Lewis Mondes or order:—		
One bulse of diamonds, value eleven hundred [. . .] pagodas, eighteen fanams, (£431-8-10)	[...]
In part returns for a box of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> .		

Pags. fns. c.

By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to Jacob Dias or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value sixteen hundred and sixty nine pagodas
(£639-15-8)

1,669 0 0

In part returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1739 per
Duke of Lorrain.

By Levy Moses consigned to Heron Hart or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value eleven hundred and thirteen pagodas,
eighteen fanams, and sixty cash

1,113 18 60

By Timothy Tullie consigned to Thomas Hall and Joseph Tullie or
order :—One bulse of diamonds, value five hundred seventyseven pagodas,
twentyseven fanams

577 27 0

By William Monson consigned to Charles Peers or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value thirteen hundred and ninetyeight
pagodas, eighteen fanams

1,398 18 0

[By Nicholas] Morse, consigned to Judah [. . .] Son or order :—

One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort value one thousand twenty-
one pagodas, fourteen fanams and five cash

1,021 14 5

Of which £ 50-8-4 or one hundred and thirty-one pagodas, nineteen
fanams is in part returned for one chest of rough coral imported
anno 1736 per *Haeslingfield*£14-18-11 or thirty eight pagodas, thirtyfive fanams and sixtythree
cash is in further part returned for one chest of coral beads
imported anno 1738 per *Beaufort*[£12]-9-2 or thirty two pagodas, eighteen fanams and [. . .]
cash is in part returns for one chest [of coral] beads imported
anno [17]39 per *Grantham*One hundred and two pagodas nineteen [fanams &] three cash is
in part returns for [. . .] coral beads [imported] anno 1740
per *Wilmington*£97-18-1 or two hundred and fiftyfive pagodas, fourteen fanams,
and sixtythree cash is in part returns for one chest of coral beads
imported anno 1741 per *King William*£176-9-11 or four hundred and sixty pagodas, fifteen fanams and
twentythree cash is in part returns for one chest of coral beads
imported anno 1741 per *King William*One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort, value three hundred and
ninety pagodas, fifteen fanams, and seventy-nine cash

390 15 79

Of which £97-18-2 or two hundred fiftyfive pagodas, fourteen
fanams, and sixtyfour cash is in full returns for one box of
coral beads imported anno 1741 per *King William*£12-9-2 or thirty-two pagodas, eighteen fanams and thirteen
cash is in full returns for one box of coral beads imported
anno 1739 per *Grantham* and£39-6-0 or one hundred and two pagodas [. . .] fanams
and two cash is in full returns for one box of coral beads
imported anno [. . .] per *Wilmington*One bulse of diamonds [and] Diamond [bort value . . .] hundred
and sixty pagodas, fifteen fanams three cash (£176-9-11) is in
full returns for one case of [. . .] imported anno 1741 [. . .]

[. . .]

One bulse of diamonds and diamond [bort, value] [. . .]
hundred and twenty-nine pagodas ten fanams [. . .] is in full
returns for one case of coral [beads] imported anno 1740 per
[. . .]

[. . .]

By Nicholas Morse and Raisson [. . .]
to Judah Supino & Son or order [. . .]One bulse of diamonds and diamond bort value [. . .] and
twenty-two pagodas, eleven fanams and forty [cash]

[. . .]

Of which £42-16-2 or one hundred and eleven pagodas twenty four
fanams, and forty-three cash is in full returns for one chest of
coral beads anno 1738 per *Beaufort* and£42-8-2 or one hundred and ten pagodas [. . .] fanams and
seventy-seven cash, is in full [returns for] one chest of coral beads
imported [. . .] anno 1739 per *Grantham*

By John Saunders, consigned to Edmund and Joseph Godfrey or order—

One box of garnetts value seventy pagodas, twelve fanams, and
twenty cash

70 12 20

	Pags.	fns.	c.
By Abraham and Salomon Salomons consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco or order.—			
Four bulses of diamonds, value twentyone thousand and ninetyfour pagodas eighteen fanams and twentytwo cash ...	21,094	18	22
Of which £349-8-4 or three thousand five-hundred and twenty pagodas seven fanams and seventy cash, is in full returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> . £492-10-7 or twelve hundred and eighty four pagodas, thirty fanams and sixty-five cash, is in full returns for the remains of one chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Cæsar</i> ...			
£816-15-5 or two thousand one hundred and thirty pagodas, twenty five fanams, and forty two cash is in full returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> ...			
[. . .] or eleven hundred and seventeen pagodas [. . .] fanams and thirty two cash is in full [returns for] remains of one chest of coral beads imported anno [. . .] per <i>King William</i> .			
[. . .] hundred seventytwo pagodas ten [. . .] six cash is in part returns [for one chest of coral] beads anno [per <i>Grantham</i>] ...			
[. . .] hundred and fiftyone pagodas, twenty [fanams] sixty-nine cash is in full returns [for one chest of] coral [mported anno.] 1740 per <i>Heathcote</i> ...			
[By Salomon] Salomons consigned to Phineas [. . .]			[. . .]
[One bulse of diam]onds, value six hundred and eightynine [pagodas, twenty-five] fanams and four cash ...	689	25	4
[By Nicholas] Morse, consigned to John Goddard [or order] ...			
One bulse of diamonds, value two hundred & fifty pagodas ...	250	0	0
Pags. ...	38,921	12	31

Fort St. George,
4th February 1741-2.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

REGISTER OF DIAMONDS, PRECIOUS STONES, &CA.

Licenced by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on the *Wager*, Captain Charles Raymond, by the following persons in return for coral and on other accounts:—

By Richard Benyon Esqr., consigned to Isaac Salvadore or order—	Pags.	fns.	c.
One bulse of diamonds, value two thousand nine hundred and eighty one pagodas, thirtyone fanams and forty cash ...	2,981	31	40
Of which £232-10-6 or Pags. 606-21-20 is in further part returns for three boxes of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> ...			
£910-10-6 or Pags. 2,375-10-20 is in full returns for the remains of two boxes of coral beads, imported anno 1740 per <i>Cæsar</i> .			
By Levy Moses consigned to Heron Hart or order—			
One bulse of diamonds, value twelve hundred and fifty four pagodas, nine fanams, and sixty cash ...	1,254	9	60
By Timothy Tullie consigned to Thomas Hall and Joseph Tullie or order—			
One bulse of diamonds, value five hundred pagodas, thirty two fanams [. . .] ...			
By William Monson [consigned to] [. . .] Peers or order—			
One bulse of diamonds, value [. . .] thirty pagodas, four fanams [. . .] ...			[. . .]
By Nicolas Morse consigned to [. . .] or order—			
One bulse of diamonds, value [. . .] pagodas ...			[. . .]
By Abraham and Solomon Salomons consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco [or order].			
Four bulses of diamonds, value nine [. . .] hundred and ninety three pagodas twenty [fanams . . .] ...			[. . .]
Of which £1,236-7-11 or three thousand [. . .] twenty five pagodas thirteen fanams and fifty cash [which] is in full returns for the remains of one chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per [. . .] ...			

Pags. fns. c.

£85-7-6, or two hundred twenty two pagodas, twenty five fanams, and sixty four cash is in further part returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Heathcote</i> ...			
£442-7-44, or eleven hundred and fifty four pagodas, two fanams and fifty three cash, is in part returns for one box of coral beads, imported anno 1740, per <i>Cæsar</i> ...			
£980-12-8, or two thousand five hundred and fifty eight pagodas, six fanams and thirty eight cash, is in full returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Cæsar</i> ...			
£812-18-10, or two thousand one hundred and twenty pagodas, twenty five fanams, and sixty seven cash, is in part returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> ; and ...			
£383-6-8, or one thousand pagodas is in part returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> ...			
[By Abra]ham & Solomon Solomons consigned [. . .] or order ;—			
[. . .] value twelve hundred and [. . .] fanams and fifty six ... cash £481-11-2 ...			1,256 8 56
[. . .] of coral beads [. . .] 1740 per <i>Caesar</i> — ...			
	Pagodas. ...	27,004	6 16

Fort St. George,
4th February, 1741-2.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

ACCOUNT PRODUCE OF SUCH CHESTS OF CORAL FOR WHICH REMITTANCES
ARE NOW MADE IN FULL PER KING WILLIAM AND WAGER.

One box of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> —	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Remitted by bill—January 1741-2 ...	33	3	0	50	0	0
Two boxes of coral beads imported anno 1737 per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> and <i>Newcastle</i> —						
Remitted by bill—January, 1738-9, ...	1,028	0	10½			
by bill—January, 1741-2. ...	74	15	11			
	1,102	16	9½	600	0	0
One box of coral beads imported anno 1737 per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> —						
Remitted by bill—January, 1738-9. ...	419	12	9½			
by bill—January, 1741-2 ...	107	7	9			
	[. . .]			[. . .]		
One box of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> —						
Remitted by bill—January, 1741-2 [. . .]...	[. . .]			[. . .]		
One box of coral beads imported anno [. . .] per <i>Grantham</i> ...	[. . .]			[. . .]		
Remitted by bill—January, 1741-2 [. . .]...	[. . .]			[. . .]		
One box of coral beads imported [. . .] per <i>Go dolphin</i> —						
Remitted by bill—January, 1738 [. . .] ...						
by bill—January, 1739-40 [. . .]...						
by bill—September, 1740 ...	150	2	0			
by bill—January, 1741-2 ...	67	0	16			
	[. . .]			[. . .]		
One box of coral beads imported anno 1742 per <i>Heathcote</i> —						
Remitted by bill—January, 1741-2 [. . .]...	[. . .]			[. . .]		
One box of coral beads imported anno 1739 per <i>Grantham</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—January 1740-41. ...	374	13	11			
by bill—January 1741-42 ...	230	11	2			
	605	5	1	475	0	0
One box of coral beads imported anno 1738, per <i>Beaufort</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—January, 1741-2. ...	431	8	10			
by bill, do. ...	321	8	9			
	752	17	7	638	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
One box of coral beads imported anno 1739 per <i>Duke of Lorrain</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—January, 1741-2.	639	15	8			
by bill—January, 1741-2 ...	625	5	9			
	1,265	1	5	950	0	0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> —						
Remitted by bill—January 1739-40 ...	20	19	9 $\frac{3}{4}$			
by bulse—September, 1740 ...	28	8	7			
Do. October, 1740 ...	208	13	7			
January, 1741-2 ...	14	18	11			
Do.	262	8	6			
	535	9	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	465	0	0
[. . .] beads imported anno 1740—						
[. . .] 1741 ...	220	19	11			
[. . .] 1741 ...	202	2	6			
[. . .] 1741-2 ...	300	6	3			
	723	8	8	631	0	0
[. . .] imported anno 1740—						
By Bill [. . .] ...	487	2	2	360	0	0
[. . .] anno 1740—						
[. . .] October, 1740 ...	580	2	0			
[. . .] January, 1740-41 ...	188	17	2			
[. . .] January, 1741-2 ...	808	17	4			
	1,577	16	6	1,200	0	0
[. . .] [beads] imported anno 1740—						
[. . .] January, 1740-41 ...	457	2	6			
[. . .] January, 1741-2 ...	179	3	6			
	636	6	0	630	0	0
Two chests of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—January, 1741-2.	1,071	17	8			
by do. do. ...	910	10	6			
	1982	8	2	1840	0	0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Wilmington</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—January, 1740-41.	267	18	5			
by bulse January, 1741-2 ...	1,236	7	11			
	1,504	6	4	1,150	0	0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—January, 1741-2 ...	980	12	8	800	0	0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Cæsar</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—January, 1741-2 ...	481	11	2	400	0	0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—September 1741—180	0	8	...			
Do. do. 180 [. . .]						
Do. do. [. . .]						
Do. do. [. . .]						
One chest of coral beads imported anno [. . .]						
per <i>Grantham</i> —						
Remitted by bill—January 1739-40 [. . .]						
Do. by bulse do. 1741-2 [. . .]						
Do. by do. [. . .]						
One chest of coral beads imported per <i>Wilmington</i> —						
Remitted by bulse—September 1740 [. . .]						
Do. do. [. . .]						
Do. October 64 [. . .]						
Remitted by bill—January 1740-41-91 [. . .]						
Remitted by bulse do. 9 [. . .]						
Do. do. 1741-2 39 [. . .]						
Do. do. 1741-2 39 6 [. . .]						

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One chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>King William</i> —		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Remitted by bulse—January 1741-2 ...	176	9	11				
Do do. ...	176	9	11				
				353	19	10	275 0 0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1740 per <i>Cæsar</i> —							
Remitted by bulse—January 1741-2 ...				356	4	6	250 0 0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> —							
Remitted by bill—January 1738-9 ...	94	13	$\frac{1}{2}$				
Do. do. 1739-40 ...	55	19	$7\frac{3}{4}$				
Remitted by bulse do. ...	318	13	$11\frac{3}{4}$				
Do. September 1740 ...	200	19	4				
Do. January 1741-2 ...	42	16	2				
				713	2	2	945 0 0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1739 per <i>Grantham</i> —							
Remitted [by bill] January 1739-40 ...	380	0	6				
Do. do. 1741-42 ...	42	8	2				
				422	8	8	380 0 0
[One chest of] coral beads imported anno 1741 []uary 1741-2 ...				1,349	8	4	
[One chest of coral beads] imported anno 1740 [. . .]—							
[. . .] ...	442	7	11				
[. . .] ...	492	10	7				
				934	18	6	720 0 0
[. . .] ...				816	15	5	580 0 0
[One chest of coral beads imported anno 1741— [. . .] 1741-2 ...	383	6	8				
[. . .] ...	428	8	8				
				811	15	4	600 0 0
[. . .] imported anno, 1740— [. . .] January 1741-2 ...				173	2	9	120 0 0

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[LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PACKET PER KING WILLIAM.]

Ingeram.

No.
30 Journal and leidger—from 1st May 1740 to 30th April 1741.

Maddapollam.

31 Journal and leidger— F. From 1st May 1740 to 30th April 1741.

The Fort St. David books will be sent from thence on the *Wager*.
The Vizagapatam Books are come up in one copy only and therefore not sent.

Fort St. George,
4th February, 1741-42.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET PER KING WILLIAM.

Fort St. George.

- No.
- 1 General letter per *King William* & [. . .].
 - 2 Fourth copy of the general letter per [Carlton].
 - 3 Invoice of the *King William's* cargo amoun[. . .].
 - 4 Invoice of 2 slabs of the *Admiral Vernon* . . .].
 - 5 First bill of lading for the [. . .].

- 6 First bill of lading for the 2 [. . .].
- 7 List of packing stuff in 78 [. . .].
- 8 Calculate of the *King Willi*[am . . .].
- 9 Register of bills of exchan[ge . . .].
- 10 Register of diamonds [. . .].
- 11 Duplicate Register of [. . .].
- 12 Amount produce of cora[1 . . .].
- 13 Manifest of presents &c [. . .].
- 14 Manifest of goods landed [. . .].
- 15 Capt. Sander's manifest of Pr[o . . .].
- 16 List of revenues from 1st Janua[ry . . .].
- 17 List of covenanted servants on the [. . .].
- 18 List of inhabitants, women and [. . .].
- 19 Register of Births, Christnings, Mar[riages &ca].
- 20 Muster roll of the Europeans
in the First Company of
soldiers.
- 21 Muster roll of the Europeans
in the Second Company of
soldiers.
- 22 Muster roll of the Europeans
in the Third Company of
soldiers.
- 23 Muster roll of the gunroom crew.
- 24 Muster roll of peons and country musick.
- 25 Indent for woolen goods for 1743.
- 26 Import warehouse indent for goods for use and sale for 1743.
- 27 Storehouse indent for 1743.
- 28 Assaymaster's indent for 1743.
- 29 Indent for medicines for 1743.
- 30 Account of presents to the Moratta Generals.
- 31 Abstracts of charges of receiving and entertaining the Nabob and his
family at Fort St. George referr'd to in the 24th para. of the 11th Feb-
ruary 1741-2.
- [32] [. . .] of the *Admiral Vernon's* first receipt for headmoney.
- [33] [. . .] Second receipts for packets to England Vizt—
of Captain Cummings of the *Caesar*,
of Captain Brown of the *Nottingham*,
of Captain Pelly of the *Prince of Wales*,
- [34] the estate of Mr. Borlace Stacey at Fort St. George.
- [35] [Muster] roll of the *King William's* crew.
- [36] [. . .] *King William's* ordnance and warlike stores.
- [37] [. . .] *Admiral Vernon's* flannels, lead &ca.

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| [. . .] | January 1741-2. | | | |
| [. . .] | by the merchants on the Coast investment. | | | |
| [. . .] | December 1741 No. 1 to 6 Vizt. | | | |
| [. . .] | Moota Comrapa their account. | | | |
| [. . .] | their account. | | | |
| [. . .] | pillah their account. | | | |
| [. . .] | 1741, No. 1 to 3 Vizt— | | | |
| [. . .] | made to the brokers— | | | |
| [. . .] | esent | | | |
| [. . .] | ces made to Andeapah | | | |
| [. . .] | to and cloths brought in by the [. . .] | | | |
| [. . .] | No. 1 & 2 Vizt. | | | |

[. . 17]41-

From 1 January 1740-41 to 31
December 1741.

[. . .]

Fort St. George 4th February
1741-2.JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET PER WAGER.

Fort St. George.

No.

- 1 General letter per *King William* and *Wager*, dated 4th February
[. . .].
- 2 Duplicate invoice of the *King William's* cargo amounting to Pags. 6
[. . .].
- 3 Second bill of lading for the *King William's* cargo.
- 4 Duplicate invoice of the two slabs of the *Admiral Vernon* [. . .] the
68th para of the 4th February 1741-2.
- 5 Second bill of lading for the two slabs of the *Admiral* [*Vernon* . . .].
- 6 Register of bills of exchange per *King William* and *Wager* [. . .].
- 7 Register of diamonds and precious stones per *Wager* [. . .].
- 8 Duplicate register of diamonds and precious stones [. . .].
- 9 Account of produce of coral for which remittances [. . .].
- 10 Manifest of goods landed here from the *Wager*.
- 11 List of revenues, from 1st January 1740-41 to 31st [December].
- 12 List of covenanted servants on the Coast of Choroma[ndell].
- 13 List of inhabitants, women, and seafaring men.
- 15 } Muster roll of the Europeans in the { First
16 } [Second] } [company . . .].
17 } [Third] }
- to the 16th Para of the Regul[ations].
- 18 Muster roll of the gunroom [crew].
- 19 Muster roll of peons and country [. . .].
- 20 Indent for woollen goods for 1743 [. . .].
- 21 Import warehouse indent for g[oods] . . .].
- 22 Storehouse indent for 17[. . .].
- 23 Assaymaster's indent for [. . .].
- 24 Indent for medicines for [. . .].
- 25 Account of the presents [. . .].
- 26 Abstract of the charges [. . .] at Fort St. George.
- 27 Surgeon of the *Admiral* [*Vernon*].
- 28 Account the estate of Mr. [. . .].
29. Account sale of the *Admiral* [*Vernon's*].
30. Fort St. George price [current].
31. Ship *George's* account curre[nt].
- [32. . .] *Augusta's* account current.
- [33.] Abstract or calculate of stock on hand 31st January 1741-2.
- [34. . .] Advances made to and cloths brought in by the merchants on
the Coast.
- [. . .] Invest]ment for 1741, consisting of Vizt.
- [Fort] St. George accounts to 31st December 1741 No. 1 to 6 Vizt.
- Tellesinga Chitty and Nellamoota Comrapa their account.
- [. . .] Tom] by Chitty &ca. merchants their account.
- [. . .] Mol]inga Kistna his account.
- [Linga] Chitty his account.
- [Trimanga] lum Comrapa his account.
- [. . .] Managers of Chindadree Pettah their accounts.

No.

[. . .] Accounts of advances made to & cloths brought in by [. . .]
the 30th November 1741.

[. . .] Fort St. David accounts go in one copy by the *King William*.

[. . .] other will be sent from thence per *Wager*.

[. . .] Ingeram accounts are come up in one copy only which goes by
the *King William*.

[. . .] Madapollam no accounts are come.

[. . .] received at Fort St. George, 6th October 174[1].

[. . .] of the 4th February 1741-2.

[. . .] Erra]pilla Pariah and John Sanderson referred to [. . .] 4
February 1741-2 containing [. . .] Mayor's Court in a cause
between Errapilla [. . .]

Fort St. George,
4th February, 1741-42.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF
ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Honourable,

The Deputy Gover[nour & Council of Fort St.] David having advised us the
Wager [was . . .] board by the 30th of last month and as [. . .] day to
the southward we thought [fit . . .] but the wind continuing northerly
[. . .] was the 4th instant before she sailed [. . .] in sight here and there-
fore we have [. . .] both ships this day and now send [. . .].

We are, Ho[nourable, . . .]

Fort St. George,
6th February, 1741-42.

Inclosed is copy of the dispatch.

[To] CAPT. JOSEPH PHILLIPS,
COMMANDER OF THE KING WILLIAM.

Sir,

Upon receipt of this we order you to [. . .] on board and make the best
of your way to the port of [. . .] in Great Britain. Herewith are deliver'd
you two packets to the Honourable the Court of Directors for affairs of the
[. . .] the United Company of Merchants of England trading [to the East
In]dies at their House in Leaden Hall street, London. The [. . .] arrive at in
England you must send your Purser [with the packet] which he is to deliver as
directed [. . .] write to them yourself and to give them an [. . .] anything
remarkable that you may meet with in [. . .] The other you are to keep till
further orders.

Our Honourable masters having given orders [. . .] Mr. Fowke to inform
you what is necessary for [. . .] passage, in the present situation of affairs in
[. . .].

If you touch at the Cape it will be accept[able to the Deputy Governour] and
Council at St. Hellena that you carry [. . .] plants &ca. [. . .]

We wish you a good voyage and date [. . .] of February 1741-2.

RICHARD BENYON—[RANDALL] FOWKE—[NICHOLAS] MORSE—[WILLIAM] MONSON
—[THOMAS] EYRE—[EDWARD] HARRIS—[THOMAS] JOHNSON.

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Bills of Exchange.

For Company's servants &ct. at 7s. 8d. per pagoda :—

Sets

	Pags. fns. c.	£	s.	d.
1. To Charles Benyon or order, value of Randall Fowke for	260 31 24	100	0	0
1. To Christopher Mole or order, value of John Andrews ...	130 15 52	50	0	0
2 sets for Company's servants &ca. at 7s. 8d. ...	391 10 76	150	0	0
For free merchants &ca. at 7s. 4d. per pagoda :—				
1 set to Henry Newcome or order, value of Nicolas Morse...	96 19 64	35	8	0
In all 3 sets of bills amounting to—	487 30 60	185	8	0

One hundred eighty five pounds, eight shillings sterling, or four hundred eighty seven pagodas, thirty fanams, and sixty cash.

Certificates.

Set	Pags. fns. c.
1. Dated 6th October 1742, for three thousand pagodas paid in by Captain Benjamin Way of the <i>Benjamin</i> on account of his adventure outward bound and the profits thereon ...	3,000 0 0
1. Dated 9th October 1742, for two thousand seven hundred and seven pagodas, one fanam and fifty cash, paid in by Messrs. Foxall and Goodwin on account of the estate of Edward Michell deceased ...	2,707 1 [50]
2. sets amounting to ...	5,707 1 [50]

Five thousand, seven hundred and seven pagodas, one fanam and fifty cash, [whith] and the amount of the bills at 7s. 8d. were paid in on the oaths prescribed by your honours.

15. The invoice of the *Benjamin's* cargo amounts to sixty two thousand seven hundred ninety one pagodas, thirty four fanams and nineteen cash 62,791-34-19; that of her *St. Helena* tonage to two hundred twenty two pagodas, thirty five fanams and forty seven cash (222-35-47). Captain Way's manifest of his homeward bound adventure to thirteen hundred fifty eight (1,358) pagodas, and the Register of diamonds and precious stones licenced by this ship to thirty two thousand nine hundred thirty five pagodas, six fanams, thirty five cash (32,935-6-35).

16. Your Honour's cash remaining here this day consists of eighty thousand eight hundred sixty five pagodas, nine fanams and sixty nine cash of the new money, and the Allumparva and Madrass pagodas mentioned in our last.

17. On this ship takes his passage the Reverend Mr. Eden Howard.

We are, Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Fort St. George,
9th October, 1742.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THOMAS LAMBERT ESQ^R.,
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF ST. HELENA.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Inclosed is duplicate of what we wrote you by the *Admiral Vernon* with duplicate invoice of and second bill of lading for the supplies we sent you on that ship. We have now to add invoice and bill of lading for the further supplies that accompany this on the *Benjamin*, Captain Benjamin Way and that we are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Fort St. George,
9th October, 1742.

1st per
Benjamin.

REGISTER OF DIAMONDS, PRECIOUS STONES &CA.

Licenced by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on the *Benjamin*, Captain Benjamin Way, by the following persons in return for coral and on other accounts :—

By Abraham and Solomon Salomons consigned to Phineas Serra or order .—

	£.	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
One bulse of diamonds, value	152	19	8	399	3	20
In full returns for the remains of a chest of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Wager</i> .						
One bulse of diamonds, value	290	19	10	759	4	10
In full returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Kent</i> .						

By Abraham and Solomon Salomons, consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco or order :—

Four bulses of diamonds, value	16,348	15	35
Of which £332-16-2, Pags. 868-7-16, is in full returns for two chests of rough coral imported anno 1737 per <i>Nottingham</i> .			
£1,217-7, Pags. 3,174-31-9, is in full returns for six chests of rough coral, imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> .			
£620 [. . .] 1,619-19-2, is in full returns for four chests of rough coral, imported anno 1739 per <i>Duke of Lorraine</i> .			
£192-2-11, Pags. 501-9-16, is in full returns for one chest of rough coral, imported anno 1740, per <i>Wilmingtone</i> .			
£456-7, Pags. 1,189-23-6, is in full returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1741, per <i>Scarborough</i> —and.			
£381-7-10, Pags. 994-33-66, is in full returns for one chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Scarborough</i> .			

By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to Isaac Salvador or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value £540-5-6	1,409	15	0
Of which £141-14-4, or Pags. 369-11-0, is in full returns for the remains of two boxes of coral beads imported anno 1735, per <i>Godolphin</i> and <i>Beaufort</i> , and			
£398-14-2, or Pags. 1,040-4-0, is in full returns for the remains of one box of coral beads and two chests of rough coral imported anno 1737 per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> and <i>New Castle</i> .			
One bulse of diamonds, value £639-14-1	1,668	28	40
In full returns for the remains of one box of coral beads imported anno 1735 per <i>Prince of Orange</i> .			
One bulse of diamonds, value— £1,130-16-8	2,950	0	0
In further part returns for three boxes of coral beads imported anno 1737 per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> , <i>New Castle</i> and <i>Nottingham</i> .			

By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to Jacob Dias or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value— £556-1-1	1,450	21	0
In full returns for the remains of one box of coral beads imported anno 1739 per <i>Grantham</i> .			

By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to James Porten or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value— £1,105-10-8	2,884	0	0
Of which £810-1-2, or Pags. 2,113-7-20 is in further part returns for three chests of rough coral and one box of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Godolphin</i> and <i>Beaufort</i> , and			
£295-9-5 or Pags. 770-28-60, is in further part returns for one box of coral beads and eight chests of rough coral imported anno 1739 per <i>Grantham</i> , <i>Shaftsbury</i> and <i>Lynn</i> .			

By Richard Benyon Esqr. consigned to Alvaro Lopez Suasso or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value £711-1-8	1,855	0	0
In further part returns for two boxes of coral beads imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> ...			

By Randall Fowke, consigned to Jacob Salvador or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value	1,650	13	40
Of which £465-18-10, Pags. 1,215-18-0, is in part returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1742 per <i>Marlborough</i> and			
£166-14-0, Pags. 434-31-40, is in part returns for one box of coral beads, imported anno 1742 per <i>Marlborough</i> .			
One bulse of diamonds value	999	27	0

Pags. fns. c.

Of which £163-16-8, Pags. 427-14-2, is in full returns for the remains of one box of coral beads imported anno 1742 per *Marlborough* and £219-8-1, Pags. 572-12-68, is in part returns for one box of coral beads imported anno 1742.

By William Percival consigned to Richard Wiat or order :—

One bulse of diamonds, value ... 560 22 40

Pags ... 32,935 6 35

Fort St. George,
9th October, 1742

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

ACCOUNT PRODUCE OF SUCH CHESTS OF CORAL, FOR WHICH REMITTANCES ARE NOW
MADE IN FULL PER BENJAMIN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
One chest of coral beads, imported anno 1738 per <i>Wager</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, January 1739-40. 204 8 1						
By bulse, October 1742 ... 152 19 8						
	257	7	9	300	0	0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Kent</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742 ...	290	19	10	270	0	0
Two chests of rough coral imported anno 1737 per <i>Nottingham</i> .—						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742 ...	332	16	2	225	0	0
Six chests of rough coral imported anno 1738 per <i>Beaufort</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742 ...	1,217	0	7	1,019	0	0
Four chests of rough coral imported anno 1739 per <i>Duke of Lorrain</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742 ...	620	16	4	[462	0	0]
One chest of rough coral imported anno 1740 [per <i>Wilmington</i>]—						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742 ...	[192	2	11	130	0	0]
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Scarborough</i> .—						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742 ...	456	0	7	310	0	0
One chest of coral beads imported anno 1741 per <i>Scarborough</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742.., ...	381	7	10	280	0	0
One box of coral beads imported anno 1739 per <i>Grantham</i> .—						
Remitted by bulse, September 1742 ... 504 11 3						
By bulse, October 1742 ... 556 1 1						
	1,060	12	4	800	0	0
One box of coral beads, imported anno 1742 per <i>Marlborough</i> —						
Remitted by bulse, October 1742 ... 166 14 0						
By bulse, October 1742 ... 163 16 8						
	330	10	8	265	0	0
Two boxes of coral beads imported anno 1735 per <i>Beaufort</i> and <i>Godolphin</i> —						
Remitted by bill, January 1735-36 ... 1,741 15 8						
By bulse, September 1742. ... 484 7 9						
Do. October 1742 ... 141 11 4						
	2,367	14	9	1,900	0	0
One box of coral beads and two chests of rough coral imported anno 1737 per <i>Duke of Dorset</i> and <i>New Castle</i> —						
Remitted by bulses, October 1737 ... 289 12 8						
By bill, January 1739-40 ... 587 18 7 $\frac{3}{4}$						
By bulse, October 1742 ... 398 14 2						
	1,276	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	950	0	0

One box of coral beads imported anno 1735	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
per Duke of Orange.—						
Remitted by bill, September 1736 ...	472	16	4			
By bulse, September 1742 ..	643	19	0			
Do. October 1742 ...	639	14	1			
	1,756	9	5	1,250	0	0
	10,640	4	7 ³ / ₄	8,161	0	0

Fort St. George,
9th October, 1742.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LADEN BY ME ON THE BENJAMIN AS MY
ADVENTURE HOMEWARD BOUND:—

				Pags.	fns.	c.
[Ghin]ghams	} 1 bale,	value—		400	0	0
[Ch]ints						
[A]pron						
[D]emitts						
[Hand]kerchiefs	1 bale—	...	...	150	0	0
[. . .] Chints	1 bale—	...	...	150	0	0
[Sh]irts	1 bale—	...	...	140	0	0
[]agged pearl	2 chests	...	...	160	0	0
[My]rrh—	16 baggs,	...	...	270	0	0
[. . .] llingall	22 baggs	...	...	20	0	0
[. . .]	179 bundles,	...	...	50	0	0
[. . .] um, India—	9 baggs	...	...	18	0	0
Pagodas ...				1,358	0	0

Fort St. George,
6th October, 1742.

Errors excepted,
per BENJAMIN WAY.

LIST OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S REVENUES IN FORT ST. GEORGE AS THEY
HAVE PRODUCED FROM 1ST MAY 1741 TO 30TH APRIL 1742.

Fixed Revenues.

	Annual rent	Pags.	fns.	c.
Beetle and tobacco farm —				
The cowle granted to Trivitee Sashachelum and Subramony Chitty for five years commencing 5th September 1740, ending 5th September 1745 at twelve monthly payments ...	10,000	0	0	
Arrack and wine licence —				
The cowle granted to Ram Chundra and Gaunapah Moodelaire for five years commencing 5th December 1737 ending 5th December 1742 at twelve monthly payments ...	4,020	0	0	
Town brokerage —				
The cowle granted to Gongadarah Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambau-cum Gruapa for five years, commencing 5th September 1740 ending 5th September 1745, at two half yearly payments ..	700	0	0	
Measuring farm—				
The cowle granted to Gongadarah Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambau-cum Gruapa for five years commencing 20th September 1740, ending 20th September 1745, at six equal payments ...	1,000	0	0	
Fishing farm—				
The cowle granted to Choudree Moodelee &ca. Macquas for five years commencing 25th March 1739 ending 25th March 1744 at two half yearly payments ...	[30	0	0]	
Egmore &ca. villages—				
The cowle granted to Mannapaucum China Tomby and [Pegu] Nella Chitty for twelve years, commencing 1st July 1735 ending 1st July 1747 at one yearly payment ...	1,450	0	0	
Trivetore &ca. villages—				
The cowle granted to Linga Chitty and Berry Timapa for twelve years commencing 16th October 1741 ending 16th October 1753 at one yearly payment ...	1,230	0	0	

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Paddy fields and salt pans—			
The cowle expiring the 22nd May last, was relet the 24th to Berry Timapa and Gaunapa Moodelaire for five years commencing 22nd May 1742, ending 22nd May 1747 at one yearly payment	710	0	0
Ruby brokerage—			
The cowle granted to Nairo Cashava Chin Tomby Chitty and Anda Kistnama Chitty for five years, commencing 10th June 1739 ending 10th June 1744 at four quarterly payments	500	0	0
Butteca rent and shroff duty—			
The cowle granted to Tonta Vencataish for five years, commencing 1st May 1738 ending 1st May 1743, at four quarterly payments	410	0	0
Gardens—			
One commonly called the Company's old garden, let to Manawauka Chin Tomby, Erramettapollam Alegapa, Graminee Caumeapa and Graminee Nellamutta, for twelve years commencing 1st January 1735-6 ending 1st Janry. 1747-8, at two half-yearly payments.	326	0	0
	20,396	0	0

Variable revenues.

Mint customs from 1st May 1741 to 30th April 1742 Pags.	...	1,925	6	20
Sea customs ditto.	...	39,871	7	44
Land customs ditto.	...	6,816	20	46
Quit rent, the amount of the assessments ending 31st August 1741.	[...]	25	0	
		50,892	23	30
	Pagodas	71,288	23	30

Fort St. George
11th September } 1741.
9 October

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE BOX PACKET PER BENJAMIN—

Fort St. George.

No.

1. Diaries and Consultations, 1742. From 11th September to 9th October 1742.
2. Letters received, 1742, No. 90 to 103. From 11th September to 9th October 1742.
3. Letters sent, 1742, Nos. 85 to 91. From 11th September to 9th October 1742.
4. Cash accounts, 1742. From 11th September to 9th October 1742.
5. Ship book, 1742. From 11th September to 9th October 1742.
6. Sea customers account current. For August [1742].
7. Paymaster's account current. For August 174[2].
8. Land Customer's account current. For August 174[2].

Vizagapatam.

9. Journal and ledger letter O [. . .]

Maddapollam.

10. Journal and ledger Letter E—[. . .]

Fort St. George,
9th October 174[2].

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET TO ENGLAND PER BENJAMIN.

1. Fort St. George general letter to England per Benjamin, dated 9th October 1742.
2. Duplicate general letter to England per Admiral Vernon, dated 11th, September 1742.

3. Duplicate general letter to England per *Admiral Vernon*, dated 14th September 1742.
4. Duplicate general letter to England per *Admiral Vernon*, dated 15th September 1742.
5. Copy of the letter to St. Helena per *Benjamin*, dated 9th October 1742.
6. Duplicate copy of the letter to St. Helena per *Admiral Vernon*, dated 11th September 1742.
7. Invoice of the *Benjamin's* cargo amounting to Pags. [62,791-34-19].
8. Duplicate invoice of the *Admiral Vernon's* cargo amounting to 1,01,886-14-25.
9. Duplicate invoice of the old armory stores per *Admiral Vernon* amounting to 670-2-20.
10. Duplicate invoice of two slabs of the *Lynn's* bad lead sent per *Admiral Vernon*, amounting to Pags. 5-7-70.
11. Copy of the *Benjamin's* St. Helena invoice amounting to Pags. 222-35-47.
12. Duplicate copy of the *Admiral Vernon's* St. Helena invoice amounting to Pags. 285-25-34.
13. First bill of lading for the *Benjamin's* cargo.
14. Second bill of lading for the *Admiral Vernon's* cargo.
15. Second bill of lading for old armory stores per *Admiral Vernon*.
16. Second bill of lading for 2 slabs of the *Lynn's* bad lead per *Admiral Vernon*.
17. Duplicate computation of the number of slabs of bad lead per *Lynn* and *Admiral Vernon* with their marks.
18. Calculate of the *Benjamin's* tonage.
- [19.] [. . .] packing stuff in 543 bales of Coast goods per *Benjamin*.
- [20.] [. . .] at Bombay and Fort St. George from the *Benjamin*.
- [21.] [. . .] &ca. licenced per *Benjamin*.
- [22.] [. . .] of the *Benjamin's* crew.
- [23.] List of the *Benjamin's* ordnance and warlike stores.
24. Capt. Way's manifest of his homeward bound adventure.
25. Copy of Capt. Way's dispatch from Fort St. George.
26. Duplicate copy of part of a letter from Imaum Saib about Dieu Island referred to in the 64th para. of the Fort St. George letter per *Admiral Vernon*.
27. Duplicate indent for woolen goods for 1744.
28. Duplicate import warehouse indent for goods for use and sale for 1744.
29. Duplicate storehouse indent for 1744.
30. Duplicate indent for medicines for the hospital on the Company's account for 1744.
31. Duplicate Surgeon's particular indent for medicines for 1744 to be put up by John Loyd, apothecary in Aldersgate street.
32. Register of Births, Christning, Marriages and Burials at Fort St. George attested by Eden Howard.
33. List of persons who have died under the care of the Surgeon at Fort St. George and their distempers.
34. List of covenanted servants on the coast of Chormandell.
35. List of inhabitants, women and seafaring men.
36. Muster roll of the First Company of soldiers.
37. Muster roll of the Second Company of soldiers.
38. Muster roll of the Third Company of soldiers.
39. Muster roll of the gunroom crew.
40. Muster roll of peons and country musick.
41. Register of diamonds and precious stones licenced per *Benjamin*.
42. Account produce of coral for which remittances are made in full per *Benjamin*.
43. Duplicate register of bills of exchange per *Admiral Vernon* in return for [. . .]
44. Duplicate register of diamonds and precious stones licenced per *Admiral Vernon*.

45. Duplicate account produce of coral for which remittances were made in full per *Admiral Vernon*.

46. List of revenues from 1st May 1741 to 30th April 1742.

47. Captain Webster's second receipt for his packet.

48. Surgeon of the *Shaftesbury's* first receipt for head money on 9 (nine) soldiers.

49. Four second receipts for headmoney Vizt—

Of William Gill, Surgeon of the *Tygris* on 12 soldiers.

Of Francis Lindsay, [Surgeon of] the *Wal[pole]* on 9 soldiers.

Of Alexander Wood, Surgeon of the *Marlbrough* on 20 soldiers.

Of Walter Wemyss, Surgeon of the *Lynn* on 10, of these one was the
[. . .]

50. List of books in the box packet to England per *Benjamin*.

Fort St. George,
9th October, 1741.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

TO CAPTAIN BENJAMIN WAY,

COMMANDER OF THE BENJAMIN.

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your ship, and make the best of your way to the port of London in Great Britain. The first port you arrive at in England you are to send your Purser overland with the packet herewith deliver'd you directed, to the Honourable the Court of Directors for affairs of the Honourable the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, at their house in Leaden Hall Street, London, taking care to write to them yourself, and to give them an account of anything remarkable that you may meet with in the voyage.

Our Honourable masters have given orders to our President and Mr. Fowke to inform you what is necessary for your conduct in the passage in the present situation of affairs in Europe, to which you must have due regard.

If you touch at the Cape it will be acceptable to the Governour and Council at St. Helena, that you carry them a supply of seeds, plants, &c.

We wish you a good voyage, dated this in Fort St. George, this 10th day of October, 1742.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM
MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF
ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

(1st via Pondicherry; 2d. and 3d. copies, per *Augusta* to Bussora to be forwarded to Aleppo and Grand Cairo.)

Honourable,

1. The *Admiral Vernon* left us the 16th of last month and the *Benjamin* receives her dispatches this day. We shall trouble your Honours with little more by this conveyance than what relates to the arrival and departure of your ships.

Ships	• Commands	Arrived here	Sailed hence
<i>Tygris</i> ...	Capt. John Petre ...	5th May ...	10th June for Vizagapatam and Bengall.
<i>Houghton</i> ...	Isaac Worth ...	20th June ...	28th do. for Bengall.
<i>Grantham</i> ...	Roger Hale ...	7th July ...	18th July for Bengall.
<i>Lynn</i> ...	Charles Gilbert ...	13th July ...	11th August for Bengall.
<i>Walpole</i> ...	Benjamin Law ...	13th July ...	18th August for Vizagapatam and Bengall.
<i>Marlborough.</i>	Thomas Smith ...	18th July ...	19th August for Bengall.
<i>Benjamin</i> ...	Benjamin Way ...	11th September ...	11th October for England.
<i>Shaftesbury</i> ...	Matthew Bookey ...	21st September ...	12th October for Bengall.

2. The *Tygris* was to be dispatched for England directly from Bengall some time in this month. The *Houghton*, *Grantham*, *Lynn*, *Walpole* and *Marlborough* were got up the river.

3. The *Porto Bello*, arrived at Bombay the end of April, but could not proceed to Persia. The *Harrington* and *Somerset* arrived at Bombay the 27th July as did the *Britania* at Gombroon about the 10th of August.

4. The *Princess Mary* left Batavia bound to Canton about the 20th May. The *Augusta* arrived at Batavia about the 18th June and the *Defence* passed through the Streights of Sunda the beginning of July. The *Neptune* had been at Bencoolen and was left at Batavia the beginning of July in her way to Benjar. The *Onslow* left Tellicherry bound to China the latter end of April or early in May.

5. A large army of Morattas entered Bengall the latter end of April where they had defeated the Nabob in several engagements and he was close beset by them the end of August when our last advices are dated. These troubles in Bengall made it doubtful whether there would be goods sufficient to load home all your ships from thence. One great help would be an extraordinary quantity of salt petre that was exported down from Patna, but they would fall very short in gurras, raw silk and silk peice goods.

6. The death of our Nabob who was murdered the 2d instant in Velloor fort, is an event that will very likely occasion great commotions in this province.

We are, Honourable, Your faithfull humble servants

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—

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Fort St. George,

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